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COMMDR. KENWORTHY FEARS FURTHER BLUNDERS.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Apr. 24.

The deep impression made by Mr. Hugh Gibson's declaration on naval disarmament was reflected in the House of Commons to-day when Labour and Liberal members questioned Sir Austen Chamberlain closely on the attitude of the British Government.

In reply to the first question, the Foreign Secretary said that "His Majesty's Government have, of course, noted the important statement made by Mr. Gibson, the U.S. delegate in the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament.

"As was at once stated by Lord Cushendun, the British Government share fully the hopes and wishes of the United States Government as therein set forth.

Great Principles.

"The British Government, equally with the Government of the United States," Sir Austen emphasised, "desire not merely limitation, but reduction of existing naval armaments. They have, indeed, themselves made proposals for such general reduction and that the reduction should be applied to every class of war vessel.

"As between ourselves and the United States, such differences as have hitherto existed have not been concerned with these great principles, nor with the relative strengths of our respective navies, but with determination of the categories into which ships of war should be divided.

New Criteria.

"On this point, the British Government have noted with much interest the new criteria suggested by Mr. Gibson. They attach great importance to the possibilities opened by the greater elasticity given by his suggestions for the adjustment of agreed naval strengths to the different circumstances of the two Powers.

"Finally, the Government desire me to take this opportunity to express their warm appreciation of the cordial and conciliatory spirit shown by the American delegation, and to give an assurance that it is in the same spirit and with a most earnest wish to reach a complete agreement that they will consider the American suggestions."

No More Blunders.

Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) suggested that there was nothing definite as regards acceptance in Sir Austen Chamberlain's reply and asked whether this offer would be treated in a different way from the similar American offer last September.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "I don't understand Commander Kenworthy's motive in endeavouring to diminish the effect or substantial importance of my statement."

Commander Kenworthy: "It was exactly on the proposal of categories that it was found impossible to reach a general agreement in 1927. My motive is to see that we do not make any further blunders."

Sir Austen Chamberlain: "Commander Kenworthy has not defined the points of difference between us. I have done so in my answer and thus hope it will be reduced to proper proportions."

Submarine Cuts.

Captain G. M. Garro-Jones (Lib.) asked whether the Foreign Secretary's statement implied an abandonment of the policy of the Anglo-French Pact of leaving submarines under 600 tons unrestricted.

In his reply, Sir Austen emphasised that there never was an Anglo-French Pact. He said that Britain and France had merely suggested a basis for discussion. His Majesty's Government had always favoured restriction in every class and "we have only varied our position in the hope that by conceding something we might secure progress."

Captain Garro-Jones asked for an assurance that we shall not concede a vital subject like the limitation of submarines in further negotiations.

Not Be Found Wanting.

Sir Austen replied: "If we can agree with the Americans that the limitation and reduction of every class of warship should be secured, His Majesty's Government will not be found wanting."

The Speaker ruled out a supplementary question by Col. Wedgwood (Lab.) suggesting that a settlement was impossible until the seizure of private property at sea was settled with America.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

"TOOTH AND NAIL" IN PARIS PARLEY.

BRITISH EXPERTS RESIST HURRIED ALLOTMENT.

GERMAN GOLD CRISIS?

Paris, Apr. 24.

It is expected that the drawing-up of the report of the points agreed upon, will take the Reparations Experts' sub-committee at least three weeks.

The correspondent of the *Financial Times*, London, has cabled from Paris, saying that in the course of the discussions in the past week, Sir Josiah Stamp and Sir Charles Addis have been obliged to "fight tooth and nail" to defeat a strenuous attempt on the part of the French, Belgian and Italian Governments to get allotted, their own respective shares of the amount of the reparations compensation claimed by the British Dominions.

Later.

The Transfer Committee which deals with the apportionment of the proceeds of German reparations among the creditor Powers, met to-day under the chairmanship of Mr. Parker Gilbert and is believed to have considered the situation of the Reichsbank.

There have been exports of gold and bills of exchange from Germany in the past few weeks on such a large scale that the gold reserve of the Reichsbank is likely to fall to the legal minimum. This, no doubt, is directly connected with the present deadlock at the Paris Conference. Financial circles are of opinion that anxiety aroused induced foreign banks to withdraw their deposits from Germany.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE RAILWAY COLLISION.

SEVEN KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

Seven people were killed, including two drivers and about 30 passengers were injured, as the result of a serious railway collision which occurred this morning, at about two o'clock, when the night express of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, proceeding south, collided with a troop train.

The collison occurred near the Woo Yee Station.

Only meagre information is as yet available.

The drivers of both trains were killed instantaneously.

GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 30.

MR. STANLEY BALDWIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, Apr. 24.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Dissolution of Parliament would take place on May 10th, nominations would be on May 20th, and the General Election would be held on May 30th.

These dates conform to forecasts.—*Reuter.*

FATAL SHANGHAI BLAZE.

GERMAN RESIDENT LOSES HIS LIFE.

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

A German resident, Mr. A. Willunder, was asphyxiated in a fire which broke out in a house in Dixwell Road yesterday.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

COLONY'S ROYAL VISITOR.

BRILLIANT WELCOME TO DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

Loyal Addresses of Greeting by British and Chinese Communities.

COLOURFUL STREET SCENES.

Hongkong's deep and sincere affection for the Royal Family has been exemplified in the fullest possible measure this morning. Enhanced by the news of His Majesty's progress to convalescence, the arrival in the Colony of His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O., the third son of the King, was made an occasion of great public rejoicing, our Royal Visitor landing amid scenes of brilliant splendour and almost unparalleled enthusiasm.

Thousands thronged to the vicinity of Queen's Pier, where the official landing was made, and where His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) with the Colony's leading residents and prominent Naval, Military and Air Force officers were assembled to greet the Prince.

Promptly at eleven o'clock H.R.H. stepped ashore from the launch which brought him from the s.s. Morea, and his arrival was the signal for gun salutes. The brief ceremony of reception over, H.R.H. inspected the Guard of Honour from the Somerset Light Infantry, soon afterwards stepping into a car for a brief tour of West Point and the city.

The streets along the route were gaily decorated with flags, the Union Jack, the Red Ensign, and Chinese and Japanese flags being much in evidence in the city districts. The route was lined by huge crowds, and the Prince was obviously pleased with the cordiality of his welcome.

The main ceremony took place in the City Hall where a huge representative gathering of the British and Chinese communities had assembled, and loyal Addresses of Welcome were read and presented to the Duke by Sir Henry Pollock, on behalf of the British community, and by Sir Shouson Chow, on behalf of the Chinese Community.

His Royal Highness, in his reply, congratulated the Colony on the courageous manner in which it had faced recent difficulties, and added that he looked forward to a new epoch of peace and prosperity in China.

DUKE'S THANKS TO HONGKONG.

As is well known, His Royal Highness is visiting the Colony *en route* to Tokyo, where he is to invest the Emperor of Japan with the insignia of the Order of the Garter. He has made the trip to Hongkong aboard the P. and O. liner Morea and will transfer on Saturday to H.M.S. Suffolk for the final stage of his voyage.

Accompanying the Duke are the Earl of Airlie, one of the King's Lords-in-Waiting, Rear-Admiral Herbert Meade, Major-General Sir Hugh Elles, Mr. Hugh Lloyd Thomas, 1st Secretary in the Diplomatic Service (as Secretary to the Garter Mission), and Captain Howard Kerr, 11th Hussars, (as Equerry-in-Waiting).

Whilst they are in the Colony, the Duke and his Equerry-in-Waiting will stay at Government House, the Earl of Airlie, and Mr. H. Lloyd Thomas (secretary to the Garter Mission) will reside with the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, while Major-General Sir Hugh Elles and Rear-Admiral the Hon. Herbert Meade, will stay with General Sandilands at Headquarters House.

Favoured with fine weather on the run up from Singapore, the Morea, bringing the Royal visitor and his suite, arrived promptly on time at 10 a.m. and tied up at the No. A.1 commercial buoy. Shortly afterwards, His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.)' accompanied by his Staff, motored from Government House to Queen's Pier and left for the Morea aboard the launch Britannia and paid an official call on His Royal Highness. His Excellency later returned to the pier, accompanied by Captain Sillitoe, A.D.C., in order to be present at the Duke's official landing.

Colourful Scenes.

His Royal Highness had hinted that he did not desire any untoward display; nevertheless, his arrival this morning was honoured by thousands in the Colony who swarmed to the vantage points between Queen's Pier, the City Hall and Government House to watch the Duke's progress.

In honour of the occasion, the harbour assumed a gala aspect. All the ships of His Majesty's Navy swung at anchor, their bunting flying in the stiff breeze, and the merchant ships in harbour, as well as the small craft, did honour to the King's representative.

Queen's Pier, where the Duke and his suite landed from the Morea, was simply but very artistically decorated. Pot plants of surprising freshness and beauty flanked the aisle, while both sides of the pier were decorated with flags.

From the picturesque point of view, Queen's Pier could be none other than pleasing to-day. The trees in full bloom in Statue Square, with the Peak standing clearly out in the background, dotted with houses, combined into a composite picture of surpassing beauty which appealed to all, even the old residents who, perhaps, from their long stay in the Colony rarely appreciate the exquisite beauty of Hongkong in the changing shades of light.

Rain threatened to mar the Ceremonial part of the visit, but it held off and the lowering clouds of the early morning dissipated as the Morea came into port and shafts of sunlight enhanced the beauty of the gaily decorated harbour.

Although the official landing was not until eleven o'clock, there were large crowds in the vicinity of the Pier from long before nine o'clock.

There were no special decorations in the streets, but in the main thoroughfares there was a brave display of flags which provided a most colourful scene.

Extra police were on duty in various parts of the city, these comprising 300 members of the Regular Force and 50 of the Police Reserve.

OFFICIAL LANDING.

Huge Crowds Assemble at Queen's Pier.

A huge crowd had assembled in the vicinity of Queen's Pier long before the distinguished visitor was timed to land and the sightseers were prevented from encroaching by lines of troops drawn up in single file forming three sides of an oblong: A Guard of Honour, composed of men of the Somerset Light Infantry, together with the band and colours, in charge of Capt. Strachey, was drawn up outside the pier.

Shortly before eleven o'clock the time of landing, detachments of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, in charge of Major R.A. Wolfe Murray, marched on the scene, lining up two deep facing Prince's Building close to the Star Ferry. Next to them stood some 50 members of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, the men being in charge of their respective Presidents, Mr. F. W. James and Capt. T. T. Laurenson.

At ten minutes to eleven, His Excellency the Governor arrived at Queen's Pier from the Morea.

At eleven o'clock, the launch Lila was seen to move away from the side of the Morea, bearing the Duke together with Capt. A. J. L. Whyte and other officers, and as the launch approached the pier the band of H.M.S. Suffolk, which was berthed alongside the Naval Yard, struck up the National Anthem.

The Introductions.

When the Royal visitor, who wore the uniform of a Colonel-in-Chief of the 10th Hussars, with the band of a Knight of the Garter, stepped ashore on to the red carpet which had been laid down, he was greeted by His Excellency the Governor, who proceeded to introduce him to those present.

As the introduction ceremonies were proceeding, salutes were fired from warships in harbour and from Signal Hill, Kowloon.

As the Duke approached the Guard of Honour, the band struck up the National Anthem. His Royal Highness then inspected the guard, after which he entered a closed motor car with H.E. the Governor and escorted by traffic police on motor cycle combinations, proceeded to the City Hall by way of Connaught Road Central, Connaught Road West, Hill Road, Queen's Road West and Queen's Road Central. Other cars contained members of the Duke's suite.

The route was crowded with thousands of people who patiently watched for the visitor to pass by. At West Point, a triumphal arch had been erected opposite the Kam Ling Hotel, where H.R.H. is to be entertained to lunch by the Chinese community on Saturday.

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SHANGHAI TRAM COMPANY.

RUMOURS OF OFFER BY U.S. INTERESTS.

FURTHER INROADS?

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

Great interest has been created here by a rumour which is freely circulating to the effect that American interests have made an offer for the Shanghai Tramway undertaking.

The Shanghai trams are owned by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

The rumour is of special interest in view of the fact that a syndicate in which American capital is largely concerned recently purchased the Municipality Electricity Department.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

After much consideration, the Shanghai Municipality recently decided to put up the Electricity Department to tender, with the result that the American and Foreign Power Co., In., and its British associates offered a sum of Tls. 81,000,000 for the undertaking.

This offer was placed before ratepayers of the International Settlement on the 17th instant and was unanimously accepted, the Department thus passing into private control.

EGYPTIAN MINISTER IN ENGLAND.

NO QUESTION OF FRESH NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Apr. 24.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austin Chamberlain stated, in reply to a question, that Hafez Affi Bey, acting Foreign Minister of Egypt, was engaged in a tour of inspection of the various Egyptian diplomatic missions in Europe, which had naturally included a visit to this country.

He would undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity to discuss current business, but His Excellency, it was believed, had no intention of proposing negotiations with the British Government.—*British Wireless.*

TWO FRENCH AIRMEN HONOURED.

INDO-CHINA FLIGHT FEAT CONGRATULATIONS.

Paris, Apr. 24.

The International Aviation League organised a reception this evening in honour of Bailly and Reginensi, the French airmen who have just concluded a splendid flight from Paris to Indo-China and back.

The exceedingly fast speed accomplished in both directions was commented upon by the French Air Minister, who said that the function celebrated the splendid realisation of commercial liaison between France and Indo-China aerially.—*Havas.*

ALL WELL ON THE NEW C.P.R. LINER.

"DUCHESS OF ATHOLL" NOW AT CHERBOURG.

Cherbourg, Apr. 24.

The new C.P.R. liner "Duchess of Atholl" about which there have been startling reports of mysterious deaths among her tourist passengers arrived at Cherbourg to-day.

There was no sickness on board the vessel. The captain supplied the Harbour Doctor with particulars of the cruise, after which the passengers were allowed to land without formalities.—*Reuter.*

THE OPIUM-SMOKING INQUIRY.

LEAGUE SECURES FUNDS FOR FAR EAST TRIP.

Geneva, Apr. 24.

It was announced to-day that the whole of the required funds, amounting to 250,000 Swiss francs, are now available for the League of Nations' Enquiry into Opium-smoking in the Far East.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH MYSTERY FLIGHT.

FAIREY MONOPLANE SETS OUT.

REMARKABLE FEATURES OF HER DESIGN.

HEADING FOR INDIA.

London, Apr. 24.

Three weeks after the Air Ministry's announcement of her readiness to undertake a non-stop flight to Durban, the new British mystery plane, specially designed by the Fairey Company, set off from Cranwell Aerodrome, Lincolnshire, this morning on a long-distance non-stop flight with India as her destination.

She carries two pilots, Squadron-Leader A. G. Jones-Williams and Flight-Lieutenant N. H. Jenkins, two very experienced airmen, and it is expected that the machine, the first monoplane built by the Fairey Company, will break all existing world's records for non-stop flights and endurance flights.

Records to Go.

The existing point-to-point record is held by Italy (Ferrarin and Del Prete) with 5,000 miles, accomplished in a flight from Homu to South America, while the endurance record of 65½ hours, held by Germany, is also expected to be surpassed.

The Fairey monoplane is an experimental machine, but it is designed to remain in the air without re-fuelling for 84 Hours, and it is thought to be capable of at least 6,000 miles without descending.

Remarkable Features.

Many remarkable features are embodied in its design, though certain points have been kept a secret. It was made at Hayes, Middlesex, and an outstanding feature is the fact that the wing has been so designed that it can carry three tons of petrol. The wing has a span of 52 feet, and it is tremendously thick and broad.

More extraordinary, the wing is all in one piece, and it, therefore, constitutes in all probability the largest cantilever monoplane wing ever made.

The engine is a 530 h.p. Napier Lion, and is in effect, a service edition of the racing Napier engine used to win the Schneider Trophy, and the world land speed record.

Ingenious Arrangement.

One ingenious arrangement with which the machine is equipped is a horn worked off the aneroid in such a manner that if during night flying, the machine descends below a certain altitude and is thus in danger of hitting a mountain, a horn sounds a warning in the pilot's ear.

It had been intended to keep to the original arrangement of flying non-stop to South Africa, but this plan was changed owing to persistence of bad weather in Africa, and though her destination was not given when the machine started, instructions were to head for India.

Perfect Ascent.

Presumably, the machine will keep going until her petrol is nearing exhaustion. It carried one thousand gallons of petrol, and weighed 6½ tons, when it ascended at Cranwell to-day. A special two-mile runway had been prepared, by burning grass and rolling with a steam-roller, to facilitate her take-off. The machine, however, was well in the air after a run of only 600 yards, and soon after it turned on a southward course.

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TREASURY FRAUD SEQUEL.

THE CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. BLACK.

A "MARE'S NEST."

At the resumed hearing of the Treasury fraud action in the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. T. Black, Accountant in the Treasury, was cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Counsel for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

After the tiffin adjournment Mr. H. E. Lammert, the foreman of the special jury, addressed His Lordship in connexion with the adjournment over the visit of the Duke of Gloucester and was understood to ask that the Court should not sit on Friday.

Sir Henry Gollan consulted Counsel and it was decided that at the end of the afternoon hearing the Court should adjourn until Monday morning.

Continuing his cross-examination of Mr. Black, Counsel for the Bank dealt with the end of the year rush in the Treasury and asked how many vouchers witness checked in December. Mr. Black replied that the books showed that 1,112 vouchers were dealt with, but it was probable that numbers of these were not passed by him until the following month.

Mr. Jenkin: As far as humanly possible you tried to get the vouchers checked and through by the end of the year?—Yes.

The checking process would be at its highest at the end of the month?—Yes.

Signing Cheques.

Mr. Black was also questioned about the signing of cheques and said that it was not an inflexible rule that Mr. Messer should sign first. On occasions witness had signed before Mr. Messer. Asked how often that occurred, he said he could not say, but it was not a frequent occurrence. It would not particularly occur at the end of the year even.

Mr. Jenkin produced a cheque which Mr. Black admitted was not signed by himself. Asked to account for this he said it must have been an oversight on his part. In reply to other questions witness said he had examined the corresponding voucher for the cheque and had found it quite in order.

Witness also admitted that a cheque had gone out without Mr. Messer's signature, and with regard to another one issued during this year and not signed by witness he said it was probably an oversight on the part of the shroff.

Mr. Jenkin: Cheques which require your signature are lying about on your desk?—They are on my desk during working hours.

If you leave the office are the cheques left there?—Yes.

In reply to further questions relative to signing, witness said he naturally paid a greater amount of attention to cheques for large amounts than those for small amounts. Cheques were signed in sheets of three, but he had actually separated them when they had come to him in sheet form.

Possible Tricks.

Mr. Jenkin held up photographs of three cheques so that only the bottom part of each cheque was visible and asked witness if he had ever signed cheques while lying like that. Witness replied that he had not.

Mr. Jenkin: Then there are no circumstances under which you can sign a cheque by trickery?—If you will kindly suggest one I will tell you. That one was too simple.

Not a very good effort?—No.

Counsel asked witness to assume that the Katz cheque had come to him with the amount written as $86 instead of $86,000 and asked if the cheque could have been signed in that form.

Witness replied that he would have looked to see the words "dollars eighty-six only." He would also have looked to see the line filling in the remainder of the blank space and the dots indicating that there were no cents in the amount of the cheque. He would notice the absence of these things at once.

If such a thing did pass you it would be simple to add the remainder of the wording and the figures?—I could not do it myself. It might be simple for a really good forger, say for the man who forged the cheques.

Mr. Potter interjected and said he thought they ought to know whether a trick of this kind was going to be suggested by the Bank. If so it might lead to grave consequences.

His Lordship pointed out that there was no need for Mr. Jenkin to state his defence at that stage, but if he was going to suggest a trick of that kind then he would have to refer to it when he opened his case.

No Idea of the Trick.

Mr. Jenkin explained that his case was that the signatures were genuine, the other side saying among other things they were not genuine because of the large amounts of the cheques. He said that the trick hypothesis as he had described it would be developed during the case. He had merely put to Mr. Black one form of a trick by which the signatures might have been obtained.

"I do not know how they were tricked, if they were tricked. I have not the remotest idea," said Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. Potter said that was what they wished to know.

His Lordship pointed out that the possible trick referred to would also involve the vouchers and suggested that Mr. Jenkin should develop his questions on these lines.

Mr. Jenkin: Assuming that at the rush period that you did relax your checking of the individual items, vouchers could be slipped in among the large number which would accompany a number of cheques?—Yes, if you assume that.

And some vouchers are of the simplest nature?—Yes.

The Discovery of the Fraud.

Counsel went on to deal with the discovery of the fraud and asked if it occurred to anyone to ask Tsang On-wing to assist in clearing up the matter. Witness replied that Tsang was asked about it when the thirty cheques were found to be missing. As far as witness was concerned when he went to the Bank and when he returned he reported to Mr. Messer.

Did Mr. Messer send for Tsang?—Yes, he told him to bring in the other cheque stubs.

Can you remember any inquiry being directed at Tsang On-wing?—I think I recall him saying something in Mr. Messer's office about two cheque books coming short from the bank.

I put it to you that the discovery of the fact that the cheque book had been tampered with and that another thirty cheques were missing was made without any assistance at all from Tsang On-wing?—I think he gave assistance when the other thirty cheques were missing.

What assistance?—I think he said that two books had come short from the bank. As far as I remember I think he said something about it while in the Treasurer's office.

In any event that is all that he said?—I was not in the office at the time.

No Report Made.

Speaking of the gathering of Mr. Messer and Tsang On-wing at the Treasury, after Chung Man-kun had returned from the bank with the memorandum, witness said he came on the scene from another part of the office and found them at his desk. They had the memorandum, two counterfoils and the passbook. Tsang did not then make any statement to witness about the cover of one of the cheque books having been altered and that there was a shortage of 30 cheques. Such a report was not made to witness by Chung Man-kun and when he (witness) took the stubs to the Bank he did not then know that any cheques were missing.

When Mr. Jenkin suggested that his visit to the Bank was of a friendly nature, Mr. Black replied "I intended to be quite friendly—as friendly as one can be with the Hongkong Bank." He continued that the sole object of his visit to the Bank was to get the disputed cheques. He did not know why Government auditors also went.

A Different Story?

Mr. Jenkin then questioned witness as to evidence he had given at the Criminal trial of Carvalho Yeo, when he had said that at the Bank he did not say anything about the handwriting in the body of the cheques not being that of Tsang On-wing. Witness agreed that that evidence was correct, upon which Mr. Jenkin pointed out that witness had said in the present trial that, when at the Bank, he had then told the officials that the handwriting was not that of Tsang On-wing.

In reply to this, Mr. Black stated that at the previous trial Mr. Jenkin's questioning did not enable him (witness) to give a proper narrative. They were more or less all over the place.

Mr. Jenkin:—You said we were "all over the place," whatever that may mean, and for that reason you couldn't give a proper narrative. Were we more "all over the place" then than we are now?—Yes.

In what way?—Because it was very difficult for me to follow your questioning.

An Explanation.

Tell me what was the difficulty about this question. "Did you say anything about Mr. Messer's signature or Tsang On-wing's handwriting?—No."—Probably I was thinking of the interview at Mr. Hegarty's desk at that time.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that at that stage they had not come to the discussion at Mr. Hegarty's desk.

Mr. Black said he expected that the matter had slipped his memory. That was his only reason. He was just as clear on the point as he had always been.

Mr. Jenkin:—Yet you denied it to me when I asked you that question on this earlier occasion.

Mr. Jenkin asked:—Am I to understand you suggest that by the time the meeting at the Bank was concluded, everybody concerned should have been clear, by reason of your protestation, that these three cheques were forged?—Yes, they should have been.

Do you know that the two Government auditors returned to the Treasury in the belief that it was a "Mare's Nest" and was a misconception on the part of Mr. Messer?—They may have.

Witness continued that he had not heard the expression "Mare's Nest" used.

The case was adjourned until half past ten on Monday morning next.

DUTCH ASTRONOMIST.

AWARDED MEDAL BY U.S. ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

Washington, Apr. 24.

The National Academy of Science has awarded the James Craig Watson medal to Doctor William Desitter, the Dutch astronomist, whose researches have resulted in a new theory of relativity.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHANTUNG CONTROL.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO TAKE OVER SHORTLY.

Peking, Apr. 24.

Mr. Yoshizawa postponed his trip to Hankow at the last moment when he received a telephone call from Nanking that Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, was informing him that he had received a telegram from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek stating that he had definitely to inform the Japanese that arrangements would be made for taking over Shantung within a day or two.—*Reuter.*

KOWLOON WEDDING.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT ROSARY CHURCH.

The wedding was solemnised at Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Fr. Spada officiating, of Miss Louisa Gill, daughter of Mrs. P. M. Gill and the late Mr. Arthur Gill and Mr. A. M. B. da Rocha, son of Mr. A. J. C. da Rocha and the late Mrs. C. B. da Rocha.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. A. A. Gill, was charmingly gowned in ivory satin and lace, with silver shoes and carried a beautiful bouquet of arum lilies. She was attended by the Misses Beatrice Gill and Zaida Barros as bridesmaids, Miss C. Gill, Maid of Honour and Miss Alicia Barros, flower girl. The Maid of Honour was dressed in orange tulle, with a picture crinoline hat and the bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink roses.

The "best man" was Mr. H. Figueirido.

Following the wedding, a reception was given at No. 11 Humphreys Avenue, where the newly-wedded couple were the recipients of the congratulations of their many friends.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay, the bride's going away dress being of rose-beige marble crepe, with hat, coat and shoes to match.

ALLEGED THEFT.

CHINESE SHOP LOSES OVER $5,000.

A big theft is said to have been perpetrated at the premises of a Chinese flour company, No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central, involving the loss of $5,253.38. According to information available, it appears that the money was in banknotes, and was missing some time between Tuesday evening and yesterday morning.

Early in the morning, when the accountant found that money was missing he made a report to the police, who lost no time in making enquiries. Suspicion fell on a dismissed foki, who had left his employment in the company some time last January, and returned to the shop to sleep on Tuesday night, leaving the premises yesterday.

The Police, it is reported, raided the Asia Hotel, Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday, and the suspected foki was detained when found staying in the hotel. It is also stated that in a drawer in the room were found banknotes to the value of about $4,000, eight $500 Shanghai banknotes being included.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SON.

VISITING HONGKONG NEXT MONTH.

It is learned that the N. Y. K. Shanghai office has received a telegram from their London Office, through Tokyo, to the effect that the son of Mr. Lloyd George, Major Lloyd Gwyllam George, and his wife left London on the 6th instant by the Kashima Maru, using the N. Y. K. round-the-world ticket.

The Major is 35 years of age, a graduate of Cambridge and a member of the Liberal Party. He won his seat in Parliament when standing as candidate for Pembrokeshire seven years ago.

Major and Mrs. Lloyd George are due to arrive in Shanghai on May 16 on their way to Japan where, after two weeks of sightseeing, they leave for San Francisco by the Taiyo Maru sailing from Yokohama on June 8. They will stay in America about 20 days, after which they intend leaving Montreal for Liverpool by the Duchess of Richmond on July 12.

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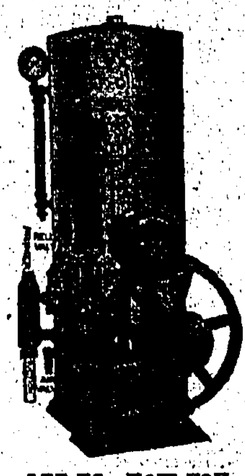

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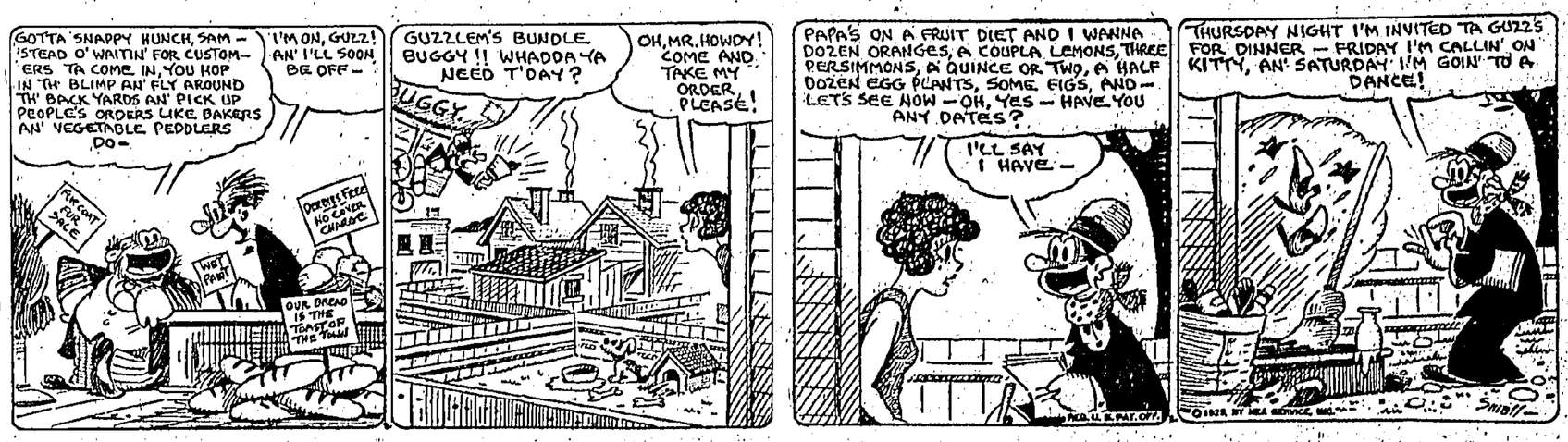
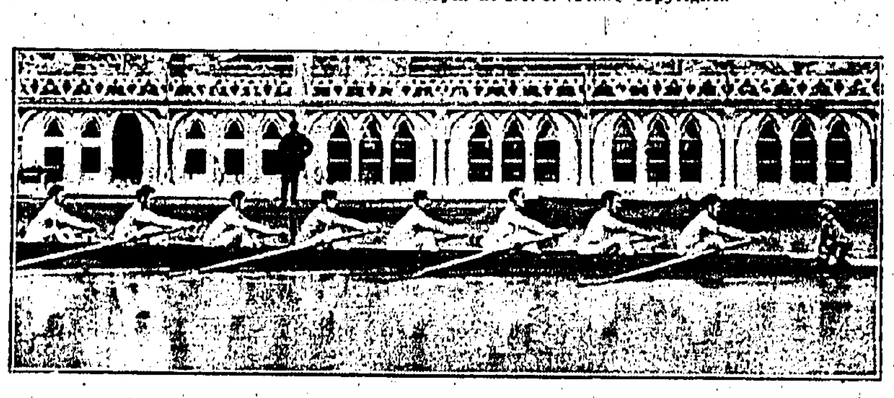
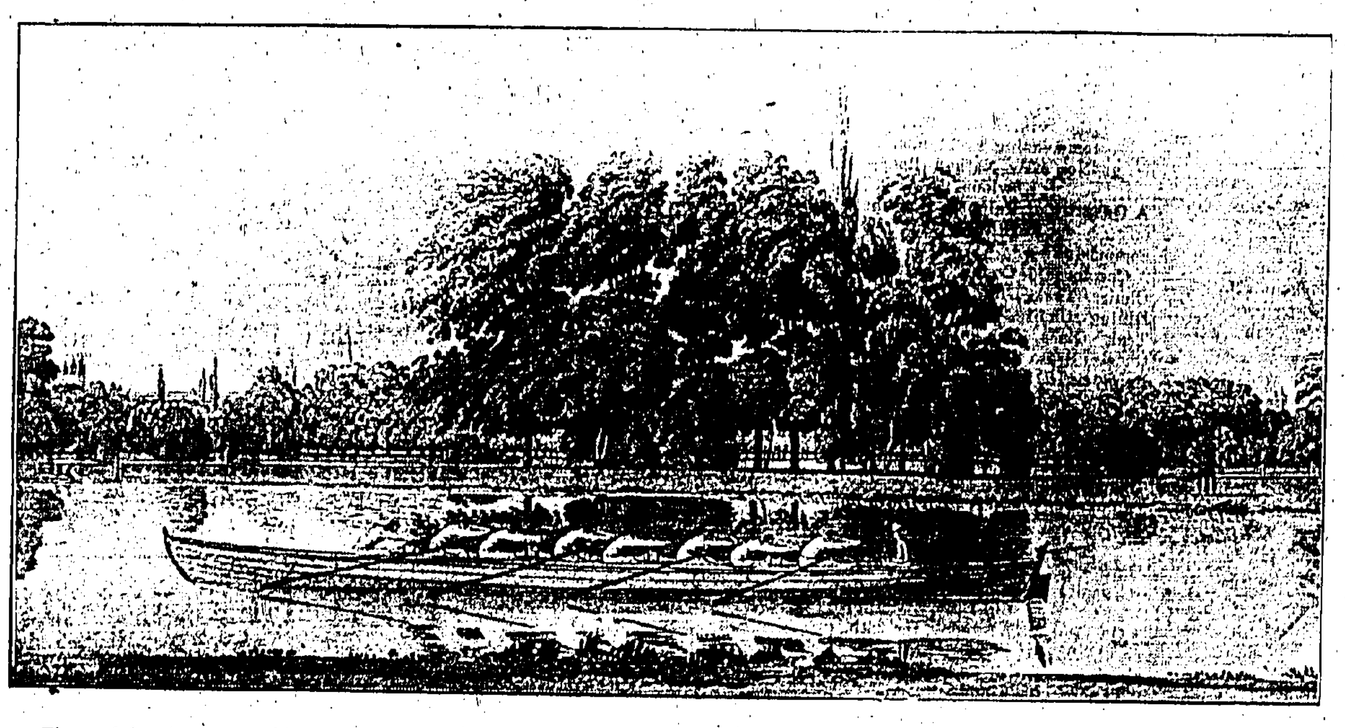


The Cambridge Eight of 1886, which was stroked by F. I. Pitman and had another great oarsman, S. D. Muttleburym at No. 6. (*Times* copyright).



Our photo shows the Oxford Eight of 1877, particularly interesting as Lord Desborough rowed at No. 4 (*Times* copyright).

Picture taken in Shanghai of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mackenzie Currie, who were married in Shanghai, recently. Mr. Currie is an engineer in the Waterworks, and his bride was Miss. Joyce Wallace.



Three of the pictures on this page are reproductions of the past made specially interesting by the fact that this year's Boat Race was the Centenary. Photos of this year's race were given yesterday. Above is a photograph showing the Oxford Eight in training for the race of 1829, and was taken from the Unofficial History. The difference between past and recent shells is the most notable feature. (*Times* copyright).

The top picture shows wedding guests in front of the Cathedral, Shanghai, after the wedding of Miss Wallace and Mr. Currie. Below are the "newlyweds" starting off on a houseboat honeymoon.

Above will be seen the Rugger XV of the 2nd. Batt. Welch Regt. which has succeeded in winning the Malayan Cup. They spent some months in Hongkong, but were unable to play much rugger.

Our picture was taken at the Union Club, Shanghai, recently, when Mr. A. Brooke Smith, former taipan of the Ewo hong, and one-time Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was entertained by the members.

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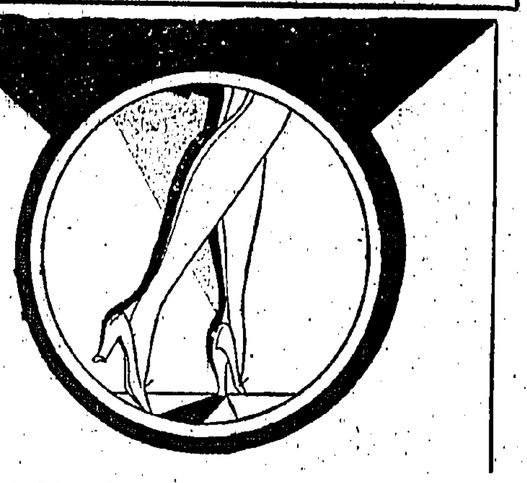

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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1929.

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HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WATER SUPPLY.

The quantity of water in the storage reservoirs has fallen so low that further restrictive measures are under consideration, and should an adequate rainfall not occur before the end of April, the water supply in Hongkong and Kowloon will be cut off daily between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from the 1st May.

The most rigid economy in the consumption of water is now essential, and the co-operation of the public in preventing waste is again earnestly requested.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 19th April, 1929.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 26th April, 1929, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th April to 26th April, 1929, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 19th April, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 27th April, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1. for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at $5 each up to Friday, 26th April, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.

Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admisson of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

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The Public are hereby notified of the following Traffic arrangements which will be enforced during the landing of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on Thursday, the 25th inst. and the reception on the H.K. Cricket Club Ground on the 26th inst.

1. Connaught Road Central from Pedder Street to Jackson Road will be entirely closed from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Vehicular traffic will proceed via Des Voeux Road Central.
2. Queen's Road Central from Garden Road to Ice House Street will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic (except tram cars) from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon. West bound traffic will be diverted by way of Murray and Chater Roads. East bound traffic from Queen's Road Central by way of Pedder Street, Chater Road and Murray Road.
3. No motor cars will be permitted to park in City Hall Square, Statue Square, Wardley Street and Chater Road from Statue Square to Murray Road between 10 a. .. and 12 Noon.
4. Guests invited to attend at Queen's Pier on 25-4-29 will proceed by way of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hongkong Club where they will alight and walk to the Pier. Cars to be parked in Connaught Road Central east of the Hongkong Club.
   At the conclusion of the reception on the pier, the guests will walk to the City Hall by way of Statue Square and Wardley Street.
   At 11.30 a.m. the cars parked in Connaught Road Central east of Hongkong Club may be allowed to proceed to Wardley Street and Statue Square.
5. No bus traffic will be permitted west of Garden Road between 10.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
6. Traffic proceeding to and from the Upper Levels between 10.30 and 12.30 will be diverted by way of Ice House Street, Lower Albert Road, Wyndham Street and Arbuthnot Road and Vice Versa.
7. Wardley Street between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central will be entirely closed to traffic between 10.30 and 12.30 hours, except for parking as in Para. 4.
8. Kennedy Road will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26TH INST.

Reception at the Hongkong Cricket Ground.

1. Guests arriving from the west of Jackson Road will enter the Cricket Ground by the gate in Queen's Road Central.
   Guests arriving from Garden Road and from east of Murray Road will enter by the gate in Murray Road.
2. Exit will be by gates in Queen's Road Central and Murray Road.
   Cars will not be allowed to approach the gate in Queen's Road Central to pick up owners or passengers.
3. Cars will be parked in Chater Road, Jackson Road outside Hongkong Club, and Connaught Road near the V.R.C.
4. Connaught Road Central east of Star Ferry and Chater Road east of Queen's Statue will be closed to vehicular Traffic between 3.30 and 5 p.m.

Traffic will proceed via Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central.

T. H. KING,
Capt. Supt. of Police.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1929.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Monday, the 29th of April, 1929, at 11 a.m.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

and

A Quantity of Blackwood Ware.

(Catalogues will be issued.)

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Chesterfield Couch, Chesterfield Chairs, Teak Dining Table, Teak Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Teak Glass Cabinet, Teak Ice Chests, Brass Ornaments, Chinese Porcelain, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Pictures, Curtains, Carpets, etc., etc.,

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the 30th April, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m., at No. 18, MacDonnell Road (Lower Flat).

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—

Chesterfield Couch, Chesterfield Chairs, Large Armchairs, Teak Book Case, Teak Hat Stand, Teak Dining Table, Sideboard, Teak Bedstead, Teak Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirror Doors, Teak Dressing Table, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Teak Book Stand, *Folding Screen*, Teak Ice Chest, Curtains, Ornaments, Hand Painted Dessert Set, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Utensils, etc.

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BOSTON'S BOOK CENSORSHIP AT WORK.

Boston, Apr. 18.

Boston's book censorship measures again were called into play to-day, this time aginst Mr. Theodore Dreiser's widely discussed novel, "An American Tragedy."

A local jury convicted Mr. Donald Friede, a New York publisher, for selling the book in Boston, finding it to be an "obscene work."

The prosecutor, in asking for a conviction, asserted that the novel contained "matter tending to corrupt the morals of youth."

FATAL GUN BURST IN HONOLULU.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED DURING ARTILLERY PRACTICE.

Honolulu, Apr. 18.

Two soldiers were killed and seven otrers injured as the result of an explosion of a 155 millimetre gun at Fort Kamehameha, one of the forts of the Honolulu Harbour defences to-day.

One soldier is missing.

The big gun exploded with tremendous force during target practice, while firing at a moving target at sea.

The dead are Sgt. K. R. Webbs and Private Parks.

Army officials have refused to confirm reports that a number of other soldiers are missing until after the report of the Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate the accident.

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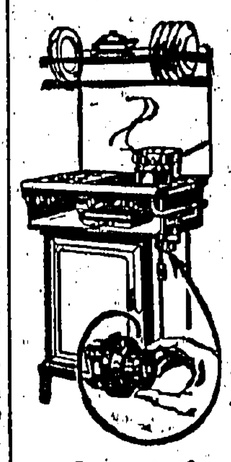

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Shanghai and Amoy	Liangchow	April 26.
Calcutta and Straits	Talamba	April 26.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	April 26.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 4th—6th April)	Mantua	April 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	April 27.
Manila	Empress of Russia	April 28.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	April 29.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	May 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Saigon	Solviken	Thurs., Apr. 25, 8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Taiming	Thurs., Apr. 25, 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Morea	Fri., Apr. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Manila and *Java via Soerabaya	Tjitaroem	Fri., Apr. 26, 1.30 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Fri., Apr. 26.
	Parcels	4 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Fri., Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
Haiphong and Haiphong	Hupeh	Sat., Apr. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, East and South Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., Apr. 27.
		K.P.O.
	Parcels,	Apr. 26, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 27, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
		G.P.O.
	Parcels	Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 27, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles, 24th May.)
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Sat., Apr. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaigan	Sun., Apr. 28, 9 a.m.
Foochow	Luchow	Sun., Apr. 28, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Apr. 28, 9 a.m.
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	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due Victoria B. C., 20th May.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Mon., Apr. 29.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Chinhua	Tues., Apr. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Atsuta Maru	Tues., Apr. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Apr. 30, Noon
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Menelaus	Tues., Apr. 30.
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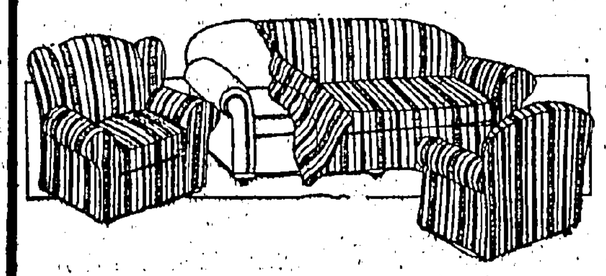

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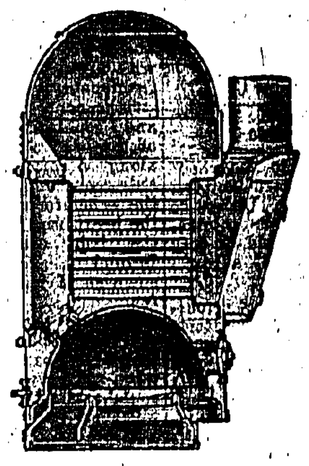

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This being the case, no one who wishes to look really well groomed can afford to allow her eyebrows to remain uncared for.

A Youthful Effect.

Besides the question of fashionable millinery, there is another reason why every woman who values her appearance is having her eyebrows plucked and shaped nowadays. We all like to look as young as we can, and experience has proved that a plucked eyebrow takes years off the average woman's age. The thin pencilled line, shaped to suit the individual expression, has a most rejuvenating effect on the whole face, and gives chic and a more sophisticated air to one's whole style.

The Line of the Brow.

The plucked eyebrow should follow the line of the brow. A low, wide forehead looks its best with a very thinly-pencilled line; those with a rather high forehead look well with a slightly arched eyebrow, but no one with a flat, square forehead should ever be tempted to cultivate an arched eyebrow. To look really artistic the eyebrow should follow the line of the bone, and the general expression of the face must be studied very carefully before the plucking is started. For this reason, only an expert should give the first treatment.

The Cost of Plucking.

Plucking the eyebrows is not an expensive beauty treatment. It is well within the reach of almost every purse. Two treatments are generally required, the cost of the first being a guinea, and for the second half a guinea. After these two treatments the average woman can keep her eyebrows in perfect condition herself. Daily brushing, with a soft eyebrow brush, smeared with a little brilliantine or a drop of oil, and any odd straggling hairs removed with toilet tweezers, as they appear, are all that will be necessary.

Very light eyebrows should be brushed with olive oil, as this tends to darken them naturally, but dark eyebrows look their best when brushed with brilliantine. Before removing any odd hairs, sponge the brows with very hot water. This opens the pores and makes the removal of the hairs easier.

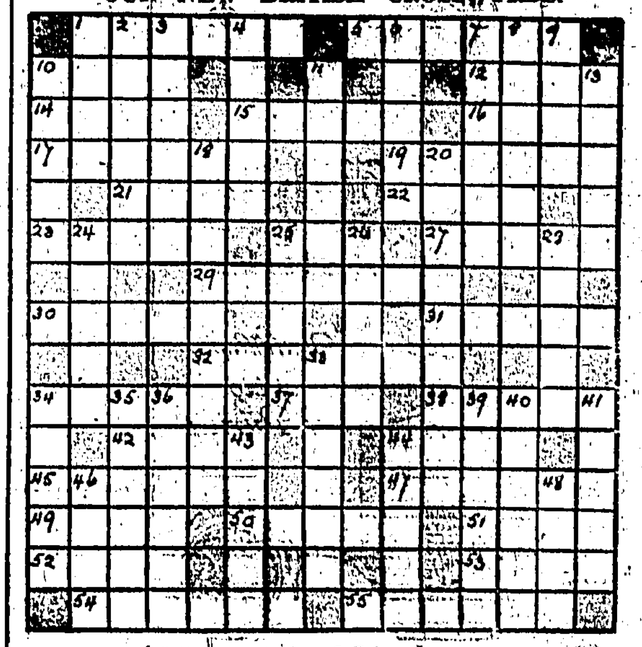
Women who use mascara or any other colouring on the eyelashes should apply a little oil every night to the lashes to counteract the drying effect of the colouring used.

Virtues of Shoddy.

[It has been urged, in defence of the free importation of cheap foreign cloth, that the girl of to-day does not want her frocks to last too long].

Phyllis, in the days of yore,
When our rude forefathers wore
(And, what should be more to you,
Our esteemed foremothers too),
Pelts of fox and wolf and bear,
Surely they did not declare,
That their very last desire
Was to find their smart attire
Lasting out, beyond all reason,
Season after changing season,
Now, it seems, you got a shock
If the neat and charming frock
Is not sadly frayed and worn,
Target for your comrade's scorn,
And unfitted to be mended
By the time the season's ended,
So that luckless dad or mother
May be asked to buy another.
British fabric, it appears
You receive with sniffs and sneers;
They are made of stuff so strong
That they always last too long.
And you say that anybody
Would prefer the foreign shoddy,
Since its use, 'tis plain to see,
Gives you more variety.
Yes, I see your point of view,
But I don't consider you.
Safeguarding you spurn, but ah!
Let us safeguard poor papa.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



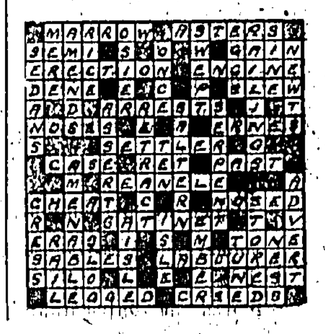
Across

1 Separate.
5 Bends.
10 Allowance for waste.
12 Moderately cold.
14 Give audience.
15 Visionary.
16 Novice.
17 Consuming.
19 Obliterated.
21 Equal.
22 Spare.
23 Older.
25 Somewhat dark.
27 Plagues.
29 Furious.
30 Brother's daughter.
31 Assistant teacher.
32 Pupil.
34 An age.
37 Allow.
38 Bowled in cricket.
42 Part of the verb to have.
44 Twofold.
45 Awaken.
47 Elude.
49 Victuals.
50 Pertaining to the nose.
51 At the top.
52 Comfort.
53 Trial.
54 Buy back.
55 Turn back.

Down

1 Yard.
2 In a restful position.
3 Contend.
4 Govern.
6 Stories.
7 Stanza of eight lines.
8 Balances.
9 Painful.
10 Topic.
11 Writing instrument.
13 Metallic veins.
18 Weak.
20 Ecstatic.
24 Those outside a profession.
25 Pertaining to dower.
26 Intended.
28 Belonging to them.
33 Cavity.
34 Fret.
35 Elect.
36 Praised.
39 Leave.
40 Small leaping beetle.
41 Reposed.
43 Rigid.
44 Dig.
46 Below.
48 Situation.

Yesterday's Solution.



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THURSDAY APRIL 25, 1929

A ROYAL WELCOME.

The warmth of the welcome accorded to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on his arrival in the Colony this morning was no mere formal expression of the honour usually accorded to members of the Royal Family. It is true that Hongkong does not often have the opportunity of paying public tribute to a Prince of the Blood. That is inevitable in view of the distance which separates us from the Homeland. Most of the present residents of the Colony, however, can recall the scenes of enthusiasm which marked the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1922, and will also bear in mind the stay in our midst of Prince George, another of Their Majesties' sons. But Royal visits are sufficiently rare occasions to invest them with an unusual measure of interest and importance; hence the fact that the Colony has for the past week or more talked of little else than the coming of the Duke of Gloucester. This is, of course, not the first occasion on which a member of the Royal Household has paid us a fleeting visit on a like mission, for, in 1906, H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught passed through on the way to Japan where he invested the then Emperor with the insignia of the Order of the Garter, an honour which the Duke of Gloucester will shortly bestow on the present occupant of the Throne.

The third son of Their Majesties, the Duke of Gloucester is making his first visit to the Far East. His Royal Highness is a stranger to Hongkong, but his reputation as a virile, soldierly young Prince and a keen and enthusiastic sportsman has preceded him. We have all read how seriously he has taken his Army career, and those who saw him when he stepped ashore this morning were much impressed with his fine, manly bearing. But it can be said, without in any way belittling His Royal Highness' personality, that Hongkong welcomes him most because he comes to us as the representative of his beloved father, the personal embodiment of the Throne and of the Royal House under whose wise and liberal rule the Kingdom and the Empire have so greatly prospered. It is a happy circumstance that the Duke arrives in our midst almost simultaneously with the issuing of the King's Message to His People expressing thankfulness for his recovery of health and his deep appreciation of the worldwide sympathy extended to him during his long and trying illness. In that message, His Majesty stressed an inspiring thought when he said:—"I feel my constant and earnest desire has been granted—the desire to gain the confidence and affection of my people." It is to-day appropriate that we should bear that passage in mind, for it is the confidence and affection which Hongkong, as a small but loyal unit in the Empire, feel for the person of the King and for the British Monarchy that enhance our joy in welcoming one of His Majesty's popular sons.

We believe that His Royal Highness, on perceiving the outward evidences of enthusiasm on his arrival, and in hearing the sentiments so well expressed in the addresses from the British and Chinese communities, must have been struck with the sincerity of Hongkong's welcome. That we count it a high honour to have the Duke with us for these few days needs hardly be said, and we are but expressing the sentiments of all sections of the community when we wish for him and his suite such a happy and felicitous experience that they will take away with them lasting impressions of this outpost of Empire. Above all, we have the consciousness that in honouring the Duke we do honour to the British Throne and thereby attest our loyalty to the Royal House and our affection for all the members of the Royal Family.

Peace in Industry.

A happy revolution in industrial relations, a closer understanding between employers and employed, is the promise held out by the meeting between the General Council of the T.U.C. and delegates of Britain's two leading employers' organisations. The movement was initiated by Lord Melchett but has been diverted into new and probably more favourable channels, thanks largely to the earnestness of a number of the T.U.C. leaders. It was feared that the rejection by the Federation of British Industries and the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations of the Melchett-Turner interim report would result in a refusal by the T.U.C. to discuss the invitation of these two bodies to a conference, but good common-sense prevailed, the cordial nature of the invitation was realised, and the result has been a meeting of men fully representative of both sides. Up to the present, nothing tangible can be shown. The delegates have decided to appoint a joint committee to examine the best methods of consultation and co-operation, and that is all. We are inclined to the view, however, that it means a great deal more than is apparent on the surface. Co-operation is the ideal, and as it is a first principle recognised by both sides, great hopes can be held out for the future. It seems to be one of the greatest chances ever placed in the hands of representative officials to restore British industry to its former level of prosperity, and the goodwill exhibited by the interested parties is the happiest augury for the success of the movement. It is rather unfortunate, perhaps, that a bad example should be developing or developed in Lancashire. In Oldham, apparently as the result of a dispute regarding the interpretation of an agreement, mill operatives of the Alma Mill have struck work. The employers have responded by a meeting of Master Cotton Spinners which has recommended a lock-out of the entire industry, involving unemployment temporarily of half a million workers. The proposal has not yet been confirmed, and it may be that the threat will not be carried out. The mill-owners would be making a grave mistake in many ways; coming at this time it might almost be a conspiracy against the Conservative Government.

Fatally injured by a brick falling on his head while he was at work in a house that was being demolished at No. 25, Shanghai Street, a bricklayer last night died at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

DAY BY DAY.

SOME PEOPLE ARE SO MUCH OCCUPIED IN GOING ABOUT DOING GOOD TO OTHERS THAT THEY HAVE NOT TIME TO BECOME GOOD THEMSELVES.—*Father Bernard Vaughan.*

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We are asked to state that there will be no tea dance at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden to-morrow.

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The pupils of Mr. Harry Ore are to give a recital at the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. on May 13th.

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Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases show two cases of smallpox and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

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H.M.S. Cumberland left Woosung for Weihaiwei on Wednesday. The Cornflower has now arrived at Weihaiwei.

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The Water Police have been informed by Mrs. T. Baronelli, of 31, Ashley Road, Kowloon, last night, that on the previous night she lost a gold ring set with two diamonds between her address and Granville Road. Mrs. Baronelli states that the ring was worth $2,500.

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Giving as his excuse that he did not know the regulations, King Ming, a seaman of the motor schooner, Hung Lee, was fined $25 this morning by Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., for mooring at Shamshuipo instead of at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage with six cases of dynamite on board.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

LATEST PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS.

Captain C. Stringer, of the Taming, has gone master, Singkiang. Captain C. Mather, of the Sinkiang, has gone to special duty. Captain E. D. Penhale, from special duty, has gone master, Taming.

Captain D. H. Martin, C. N. Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. F. J. Griffiths, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kinchow. Mr. J. has chief officer, Kingchow. Mr. J. H. McLaren, chief officer, Kiangchow, is on reserve.

Mr. W. A. McDonald, chief officer, C. N. Co., from Home leave, is on reserve.

Mr. W. E. Awcock, from special duty, has gone chief officer, Changsha. Mr. R. K. Stott, chief officer, Changsha, has gone extra chief officer, Kangting.

Mr. A. Stephenson, chief officer, Kangting, has gone acting master, Wanliu. Mr. E. F. Ellefsen, extra chief officer, Wanliu, has gone extra chief officer, Kangting.

Mr. E. Williams, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, Whangpu. Mr. E. Forrester, chief officer, Whangpu, is on reserve.

Mr. H. E. Woodstack, extra chief officer, Shuntien has gone extra chief officer, Kinting.

Mr. E. H. Muton, chief officer, Yunnan, has gone chief officer, Wanliu. Mr. E. Michelmore, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Yunnan.

Mr. F. S. Barron, from reserve, has gone second officer, Shantung.

Mr. D. C. Sinclair, chief engineer officer, C.N. Co., has retired on pension.

Mr. H. S. Luscombe, second engineer officer, Kanchow, is on reserve. Mr. J. H. Fayers, second engineer officer, Wanliu, has gone second engineer officer, Kanchow.

Mr. W. P. Barclay, extra second engineer officer, Wanliu, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Shengking. Mr. J. A. Anderson, acting chief engineer officer, Shengking, has gone to acting assistant superintendent engineer, C.N. Co., Shanghai.

Mr. G. W. Clark, chief engineer officer, Kiating, has gone chief engineer officer, Yunnan. Mr. R. T. Maddison, acting chief engineer officer, Yunnan, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Wanliu.

Mr. G. J. Hatch, third engineer officer, Yunnan, has gone third engineer officer, Wanliu. Mr. G. E. Kerr, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Yunnan.

Mr. I. Robertson, chief engineer officer, Chinhun, has gone chief engineer officer, Kalgan. Mr. R. Barclay, chief engineer officer, Kalgan, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinhun.

Mr. J. B. Smith, third engineer officer, Luchow, has gone third engineer officer, Chinhua.

Mr. E. Fitzpatrick, second engineer officer, Wenchow, is on reserve. Mr. P. Todd, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Wenchow.

Captain R. Tully, from reserve, has gone master, Siangwo. Mr. A. Woodley, acting master, Singwo, has gone chief officer, Kutwo.

Mr. R. B. Smith, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Siangwo.

Mr. D. E. Kermode, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Pingwo.

Mr. D. B. Smith, from reserve, has gone second officer, Suiwo.

Mr. J. D. Palmer, second officer, Chaksang, is on reserve.

Mr. S. Duncan, second officer, Yuensang, is on reserve. Mr. J. Fant, from reserve, has gone second officer, Yuensang.

Mr. D. V. Woods, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hinsang.

Mr. J. Moodie, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Fooksang. Mr. A. B. Osmond, chief officer, Fooksang, has gone chief officer, Hopsang.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

THE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE OF IL TROVATORE.

Opening a fortnight's run at the Star Theatre with Verdi's "Il Trovatore" last night, the Italian Grand Opera Company gave a thoroughly delightful performance, fully explaining their wonderful triumphs in Shanghai. Signor Carpi has never brought a more brilliant combination to the Far East, and a fairly large audience accorded them a most enthusiastic reception.

The four principals were in admirable voice, and it was also evident that the Company includes additional artists capable of doing full justice to leading roles.

The outstanding performance was probably that of Mlle B. Bodini as Leonora. Possessed of a magnificently rich voice of great range, Mlle. Bodini sang the most difficult arias with complete confidence, with never a suggestion of strain even at the greatest height. Particularly beautiful were her brief duets with Signor A. Giovannoni, as Manrico, who also excelled.

"As Si Seni O" the most beautiful lyrical number of this heavy and somewhat far-fetched opera, gave Signor Giovannoni his best opportunity, and he sang with richess and feeling which charmed the audience away to other realms. His acting, too, was notable.

Signor A. Reali (Count Luna) and Mlle. R. Agozzino (Azucena) both gave impressive performances, singing with great power and quality of voice. Mlle. I. Cell (Inez) had less to do, but her duet with Leonora in the second scene was one of the best received.

The bass voice of Signor Mauceri also created a good impression. Much could be written of the chorus work. In the past, the Italian Operas here have sometimes suffered from inadequacy of the chorus, but the present Company is almost too large for the stage at the Star Theatre. Their work is most effective, particularly in the famous Anvil Chorus, which was keenly approved.

This evening, the Company is giving an old favourite "Rigoletto."

BRIDGE MADE EASY

by

W. W. Wentworth

3—Opening Bids.

There should be no "bugaboo" about bidding four-card suits if judiciously handled. Doing so furnishes most valuable information, and failure to bid it may result in throwing away a game-going hand.

For those who never bid a four-card suit, and ultra-conservative players, as a "flyer" I would suggest that when holding as good as A K X X or A Q 10 X or K Q 10 X in a major suit with an outside A they need have no hesitation about bidding that suit initially.

Of greater necessity, however, is to bid any sound four-card minor suit, as it may encourage a betterment bid, or develop such additional information as will lead to a game-going declaration.

It is not sufficient that the opening bid shall guarantee the minimum requirements for an original bid. It also should be so made that partners will interpret it correctly and with a view to encouraging partner to improve the bid if possible. The opening bid should furnish the maximum amount of information. If partner can mirror your hand, assistance can more readily be given to you.

Rigidity in the declarer or in the opening bid has no place at the bridge-table.

The battle cry of every opening bid should be, "We want game!" Failure to make game is almost a waste of time.

To make game, nine tricks are required at no trump, ten tricks in a major suit and eleven tricks in a minor suit. The difficulty of making game in a minor suit is obvious, as it allows for only two losing tricks.

There are many who prefer playing the game at no trump to doing so in a major suit. They forget, however, that it is worth at least one more trick to play the game in a suit, as there is the possibility of ruffing one of the losers, which cannot be accomplished at no trump. At no trump you cannot make more than the longest number of cards in either hand.

Before bidding, examine your cards to see whether you have (1) sound major suit bid, (2) a no-trumper, or (3) a minor suit bid, and give them preference in this order.

Players often complain that they do not hold good cards, but very often when they do hold them they do not make the most of them.

The Very Idea!

I have seen the display of courage required in a single man, unarmed, who faces, in magnificent defiance, a swarming horde of mob-mad humanity.

I have witnessed the splendid bravery of an intrepid hunter, who calmly stands his ground before the dynamic charge of an enraged and slavering denizen of the jungle.

I have seen the heroism of a life saver, as he plunges through mounting, foam-crested waves, to snatch from their clutching embrace the weakening victim.

I have seen a man standing proudly erect and refuse to bow in submission before the autocratic tyranny of his mother-in-law.

But to my mind, all of these pale into utter insignificance before the courage of high order which is displayed by the pedestrian, who, just released from hospital where he has lain for weeks the victim of an unthinking motorist, starts to walk home.

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Woman at Glasgow—She likes to show that she is well off. She wears bangles as big as motor tyres, but they're not worth much.

Sheriff Robertson at Glasgow—Women are always making the most of their sufferings to get the most they can out of men; that is the theory of life.

Nottingham solicitor, to a woman—Were you a widower with five children and your husband a widow with one child when you married? Woman—Yes.

Solicitor at Wilesden—I suggest that your memory is faulty, and I submit that my client's story is correct. Woman witness—You can suggest and submit as much as you like, but I am right young man.

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A commercial traveller, calling upon a new customer, produced by mistake a snapshot of his fiancee instead of his business card.

"That's the firm I represent," he said.

The customer examined the somewhat determined-looking features of the young woman, and returned the photograph with the remark:—"I'm afraid you'll never be manager of that firm."

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To-day's Ghost Story.—"Many years ago, when I was a girl at a boarding school in the North, I was going upstairs one winter evening from the ground floor to the one above. Walking in front of me was a tall lady in black, with a flowing gown of the then fashionable dimensions.

"She continued in front of me, and I concluded it was some friend of the head mistress. Proceeding along a corridor and across an ante-room, and up the steps into the schoolroom to the middle of the hearthrug, to my astonishment the lady completely vanished. Beyond a feeling of intense surprise I had no sensation of fear.

"At least five years later I was one day walking with my father on the Embankment at Chelsea, when suddenly I heard a whirring sound, and turned to see what it was, and there, for the second time, was my tall black robed lady! Her back was towards me, and she vanished walking in front of me. Again I felt no fear; but the appearance was so distinct that I could sketch it from memory after the lapse of all these years."

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The Anti-Cigarette Alliance of Ohio has introduced a bill into the state legislature which would prohibit smoking by all public school teachers. It is not plain whether the bill designates this complete abstinence during school hours, or at any time.

The representative introducing the bill isn't especially rabid on the subject. He mildly remarks that he "doesn't believe that teachers who use cigarettes set a good example to children." He denies, too, that the bill is especially aimed at women teachers; all in all, his rather anaemic manner merely leads one to infer that he wants to do the lady anti-cigarette-alliance leaguer who suggested the bill a good turn, and really hasn't his heart in his work at all.

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An enthusiastic fisherman was telling some friends about a proposed fishing trip to a lake in the north of Scotland.

"Are there any trount there?" asked one friend.

"Tons!"

"Will they bite easily?"

"Will they? Why, they're absolutely vicious. A man had to hide behind a tree to bait a hook."

COLONY'S ROYAL VISITOR.

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Amongst those assembled on the Pier to welcome His Royal Highness, in addition to H. E. the Governor and Staff, were H. E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (General Officer Commanding the Troops), Commodore R. A. S. Hill, R.N., His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., C.B.E. (Chief Justice), His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge), the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney General), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. C. McLMesser, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Commander G. F. Holo, R.N. (Harbour Master), the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (acting Captain Supt. of Police), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., Mr. D. W. Tratman, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Right Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria), the Right Rev. Bishop Henry Valtorta, Paymaster Captain L.B.E. Ayre, O.B.E., R.N., Flag Lieut. D. P. Evans, Flag Captain J. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., Major C. B. Mullins, R.M., Surgeon Comdr. H. R. Briggs, Pay Comdr. C. S. Johnson, D.S.O., Comdr. G. C. Muirhead-Gould, D.S.C., Comdr. H. G. D. Acland, D.S.O., Engineer Captain T. E. Aitkenhead, Capt. the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower, D.S.O., Capt. G. S. Arbuthnot, D.S.O., Captain E. G. Robinson, V.C., O.B.E., Capt. J. D. Campbell, M.V.O., O.B.E., Wing Comdr. A. H. S. Steele Perkins, O.B.E., Comdr. A. D. Lockhart, D.S.C., Capt. A. Maitland-Dougall, Paymaster Lieut. Comdr. D. H. Passmore, Engineer Comdr. F. H. Hall, Surgeon Capt. W. W. Kerr, C.M.G., M.B., Ch. B., Lieut. Comdr. L. M. Bridge,

PROGRAMME OF VISIT.

To-day.

4.40 p.m.—H. R. H. drives to Polo Ground.
8.15 p.m.—Dinner at Government House.
10.00 p.m.—Display of Japanese fireworks.

Friday.

Morning.—H. R. H. plays golf at Fanling.
4.30 p.m.—Reception at H.K.C.C.
8.00 p.m.—Dinner at Peninsula Hotel.

Saturday.

12.30 p.m.—Chinese lunch at Kam Ling Hotel.
3.40 p.m.—H. R. H. leaves Government House for Queen's Pier.
4.00 p.m.—Departure by H.M.S. Suffolk.

Engineer Capt W. H. Michell, Col. J. McD. Haskard, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. T. A. F. Robinson, Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., Col. T. E. Fielding, D.S.O., M.B., Col. F. S. Exham, D.S.O., Col. R. A. B. Young, O.B.E., Major F. R. Roche-Kelly, Lieut. Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. H. B. Vernon, M.C. (A.D.C. to the General), Lieut. Cameron, Col. Christian, Major Hanna, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Li Yau Tsun, C.B.E., Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., Wong Kwong-tin, T. N. Chau, Fung Ping-shan, Kwok Sui-lau, Tang Ch-ngong, Mok Kin-sang, Yu Fung-sun, O.B.E., Li Yik-mui, M.K.Lo, Ho Sing-chau, Chau Tin-son, Wong Kam-fuk, Tong Yat-chun, Lo Cheung-shui, Wong Iu-tung, To Sz-tun, Li Po-kwai.

CITY HALL CEREMONY.

The Duke's Reply to Addresses of Welcome.

Part of the route taken by the Duke of Gloucester on driving away after the official landing was lined with troops and Naval ratings, the latter extending along Queen's Road Central from the City Hall as far as the junction of Battery Path.

Sailors from the County cruisers predominated but there were also detachments from military regiments and from the Chinese Company of the Royal Engineers. The line of Naval men extended across the open space in front of the City Hall to the doorway which was simply decorated for the occasion.

Over the door was the coat of arms and flags with red white and blue bunting leading down to other coats of arms on either side. Evergreens also decorated the doorway, these being continued up the stairs of the City Hall leading to the stage of the Theatre Royal.

Duke Arrives.

A guard of honour from the King's Own Scottish Borderers, numbering about a hundred men, was drawn up in front of Beaconsfield Arcade, facing the City Hall with the band of the regiment behind. There was a large number of spectators in the vicinity, ladies predominating, particularly on Murray Parade ground overlooking the point of arrival.

The Duke of Gloucester and His party, His Excellency the Governor and others arrived about 11.30, being greeted with a Royal Salute played by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. After the guard of honour had been inspected His Royal Highness proceeded to the stage of the Theatre Royal which was set out with chairs for those attending the official reception. Upon the Duke's appearance on the stage the band of the 3/15 Punjab Regiment played the National Anthem.

The Duke occupied a high back chair in the centre of the stage with His Excellency the Governor on his left.

The body of the Theatre Royal was well filled with local residents, including the Consular Body in official dress. The scene on the stage was a colourful one, the white uniforms and plumed helmets contrasting sharply with military uniforms, morning dress and official attire worn by Chinese. The Theatre itself was neatly decorated with flags and bunting.

After the Duke of Gloucester had taken his s . His Excellency the Governor announced that the address from the British community would be read by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, senior member of the Legislative Council.

The British Address.

The Address from the British Community, which was read by and presented to His Royal Highness by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was a beautiful piece of illuminated work, in colours, on parchment, being the work of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. It was done by hand and was contained in a silver and blackwood casket made by Messrs. Lock Hing from a design by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E. The casket bore on its lid the Arms of the Colony, in silver, whilst the front was embellished with a representation of a Chinese junk in full sail, also in silver. The Address was in the following terms:

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, Earl of Ulster and Baron Culloden, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O.

May it please Your Royal Highness.

The subjects in Hongkong of His Majesty the King offer Your Royal Highness a most cordial and loyal welcome.

We desire to record our heartfelt gratitude for Your Royal Father's recovery. All sections of our Community watched with breathless interest the daily struggle of that long and painful illness and were lost in admiration of His courage and patience.

The high mission on which Your Royal Highness is now proceeding is of special interest to this Colony having regard not only to its geographical position but also to the very friendly relations which exist between this Colony and Japan. It is particularly gratifying to know that Your Royal Highness is proceeding to Japan for the purpose of conveying to His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of Japan and the Japanese people a token of the high esteem and friendship which exist and which will, we hope, continue to exist between the British and Japanese nations.

During the past few years the Colony of Hongkong has had to face unprecedented political and financial difficulties but we are glad to be able to tell Your Royal Highness that these difficulties are now things of the past. We hope that the friendly relations to-day existing between this Colony and the Chinese people are settled and permanent, and we trust that there is now dawning a new era of prosperity which will redound to the benefit not only of this Colony but of the Far East generally.

During the recent troubles His Majesty thought fit, for the protection of His subjects and their property, to increase His Naval and Military Forces in the Far East.

We are grateful for His Majesty's concern on our behalf. We here did what was in our power for the health and comfort of His Majesty's Sailors and Soldiers and are deeply appreciative of His Majesty's recognition of our citizens who assisted in those endeavours.

The population of the Colony continues to increase but such increase brings with it enhanced responsibilities. It may interest Your Royal Highness to know that the Colony is at the moment engaged in an extensive scheme of improved water-supply. The winter months were exceptionally dry and this drought has necessitated irksome restrictions. Our improved water-supply is designed to meet the needs of all sections of the Colony's population.

The Port of Hongkong still holds its dominant position as a world shipping port, and work is in progress to enable this Colony to take its place as one of the great Air Ports of the future.

We sincerely regret that the duration of Your visit is short, but we realise that You have many and important duties to perform and we can only hope that Your Royal Highness will take away pleasant memories of Your sojourn here.

We wish Your Royal Highness a fair voyage and a safe return home, and we beg You on reaching England to convey to Our Beloved Sovereign a message assuring Him of the loyalty and devotion we bear Him and of our joy at His recovery from His recent illness.

The casket containing the address was then handed to the Duke of Gloucester by Sir Henry Pollock and the Governor announced that the address from the Chinese community would be read by the Hon. Sir Shouson-Chow, senior Chinese member of the Legislative Council. Sir Cecil said the English translation would be read, the Chinese being embroidered on the beautiful blackwood screen which stood at the back of the stage.

The Chinese Address.

Quaintly worded was the Address from the Chinese Community, read and presented by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Senior Chinese Member of the Legislative Council. It was mounted on a massive blackwood screen of four panels, standing some six feet in height. This screen, which was specially made in Canton, was beautifully carved and on the opposite side of the panels bearing the Chinese text of the Address there were typical embroidered silk designs representing birds, animals and rural scenes.

Accompanying the Chinese version of the Address was an English translation, enclosed in a blackwood case inlaid with silver. The Address was in the following terms:

Presented to His Royal Highness Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, Duke of Gloucester, this 25th day of April, 1929, by the Chinese Community of Hongkong.

Of late the tidings of the illness of His Majesty King George were to us and to all his subjects a matter of grave anxiety. But now that the happy augury of His Majesty's recovery allows our Prince with an untroubled mind to direct his golden chariot upon this Royal mission and at last to come among us, the people of the Colony, old and young, make manifest their delight; they run hither and hither to spread the news and offer their greetings from the roadsides, eager for the joy of seeing Your Royal person.

Our Prince with his noble ancestry of the Royal Line has ever taken the lead in camp and council as all do acknowledge.

We have memories of the year 1922 when Hongkong welcomed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and three years later when His Majesty's Ship "Hawkins" was on her Far Eastern Commission, His Royal Highness Prince George was stationed in this very place. Thus within a single decade have three of His Majesty's Sons stopped and stayed here, a Royal distinction for this distant Island which has surely never been equalled.

Now all of us, old and young, with all respect and from the depths of our hearts pay our tribute of loyalty to His Majesty the King with the prayer that you will convey this tribute to him. And we tender our heartfelt wishes of boundless prosperity and length of years both for His Majesty and for Your Royal Highness, and of continued peace for the Empire.

Wherefore with respectful obeisance and unfeigned sincerity we now offer up this our Ode:

1.—Now is our Prince
Young in years but sage in counsel;
Beside his skill in letters
He is well versed in martial affairs.

2.—Of late he has received the King's behest
And bears the token of his Eastern mission;
Where'er points his starry chariot
There do all men feel the soft air of his benevolence.

3.—Upon his devious travels he comes among us
To visit us his people;
We crane the neck to see his Royal person
With shouts of joy like thunder.

4.—Tiny is our rocky islet
But for long has it been girt by the Royal benevolence;
High is his virtue and his goodness is spread abroad
Reaching to the humblest of us his subjects.

5.—To see with our eyes the Royal presence
This is to enjoy a glorious fortune;
With unfeigned sincerity we offer up this Ode,
This humble tribute of our rude verses.

The Duke's Reply.

His Royal Highness, in reply, said:—"Gentlemen,—I thank you most sincerely for the welcome you have extended to me on behalf of the British and Chinese Communities of Hongkong, on my arrival here to-day. I am indeed glad to have this opportunity of visiting Hongkong which the courage and enterprise of British pioneers and British merchants have converted, in less than one hundred years, from a desolate island into one of the most important sea-ports of the world. I am particularly glad to be here at the present moment, as this Island is the point of our Empire nearest to Japan, and the Mission, with which His Majesty the King-Emperor has now entrusted me, is a mark of the traditional friendship that unites us so closely to that Island Empire.

"You have lately been passing through very difficult times, and I hope that you will allow me to congratulate you on the courageous manner, and on the spirit of loyal co-operation, with which you have faced those difficulties, and which have enabled you to live and carry on your business in safety, while China has unfortunately been a prey to Civil War.

BRAZILIAN MINISTER TO CHINA.

APPOINTMENT OF SENOR LEAO VELLOSO.

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 24.

Senor Leao Velloso has been appointed Brazilian Minister to China.

He was formerly Secretary to the Paris Embassy, but has recently been holding an important position in the Brazilian Foreign Office.—*Havas.*

CHEFOO QUIET.

GEN. LIU BESEIGING FUSHAN.

Naval wireless messages received to-day state that the situation at Chefoo is normal.

General Liu is said to be besieging Fushan, while General Chang is reported to be at Lungkow.

LONDON'S SMALL-POX.

CASES NOW REPORTED TO TOTAL 277.

London, Apr. 24.

Small-pox is increasing in London, and there are now 277 cases.—*Reuter.*

[It will be recalled that a sudden outbreak of small-pox in London last week, through infection brought in a ship from Bombay, and cases in France as well, traced to the same source, has led to the French enforcement of vaccination regulations against visitors from England.]

The prosperity of Hongkong is intimately connected with that of China, and I know that the internal difficulties of China have had a serious reaction here; but I am, I hope, justified in believing that we can now look forward to a new epoch of peace and prosperity in that great country. No one will welcome the early arrival of that epoch more sincerely that the British and Chinese communities of Hongkong, whose interests are so closely interwoven and with whose continued closed co-operation we may hope to see a further expansion of Hongkong's prosperity.

Hongkong Thanked.

"It has of late years been found necessary considerably to increase the numbers of the Garrison in this Colony, and I take this opportunity of expressing to you my appreciation of the manner in which Hongkong, in accordance with your traditions of generous hospitality, has entertained all ranks of His Majesty's naval and military forces. My two brothers who have been fortunate enough to visit Hongkong recently carried away with them the pleasantest memories of their stay here, and I am sure that I will do the same.

"I have been profoundly touched by the sympathetic terms in which you have referred to the illness of the King-Emperor. His Majesty's health is, I am thankful to say, at last returning. I can assure you that such expressions of sympathy, which have come like yours from the most distant parts of the world, have been a grateful source of comfort and help. I shall not fail to convey to the King-Emperor your expressions of loyalty and devotion. They are sentiments that are always associated with the name of Hongkong, and I know that my father will appreciate them most deeply.

"My stay here, is, I am sorry to say, of necessity a short one, but I hope to see in these two days as much as I can of the Island and the New Territory.

"In thanking you, Gentlemen, once more for the terms of your addresses, for your good wishes, and for the Ode which you have composed in my honour, let me assure you that I shall always watch the progress and welfare of Hongkong with the deepest interest."

The band of the Punjab Regiment then played the National Anthem and the Duke of Gloucester, His Excellency the Governor and others left the theatre, joined waiting motor cars outside and proceeded to Government House, preceded by a police escort.

At Government House.

At Government House H. R. H. inspected detachments of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade under the command of Commissioner E. Ralph, of Girl Guides commanded by Mrs. Southern, and boy Scouts in charge of the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

His Royal Highness received the Commissioners and individually questioned them regarding the work of their respective units and congratulated them after inspecting the parade.

Afterwards the Duke attended a luncheon party given in His honour at Government House.

DEATH OF REV. N. J. COUVREUR.

FORTY YEARS' RESIDENCE IN SINGAPORE.

HONGKONG FORMERLY.

Singapore, Apr. 18.

By the death of the Rev. N. J. Couvreur which occurred in Paris yesterday after an illness extending over several months there passes away a personality conspicuous in the social and commercial life of Singapore for upwards of 40 years.

The Rev. Nicolas Justin Couvreur was born at Graucey-sur-Ource (Cote d'Or) France, on Aug. 8, 1855, and was educated at the ecclesiastical colleges of Langres and Paris. He left his native land in October, 1878, in the interests of the Societe des Missions Etrangeres and went to Hongkong where for three years he was Assistant Procurator and in 1881 became the Procurator of the same body at Singapore and quickly rose to be one of the chief financial figures in the Straits where he controlled the vast interests in real property on behalf of the mission. Indeed he was considered one of the ablest financial experts in the Far East and although a French citizen he was in 1904 selected by the Government as assessor to sit with Sir Lionel Cox, Chief Justice, in the case of the expropriation of certain land belonging to the P. and O. Company, and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., which was required for the construction of the Singapore and Kranji Government Railway in 1904. For many years he was a director of the *Straits Times Press, Ltd.*, was one of the founders of the Great Eastern Life Assurance Company and was on the board of many other public companies. He resigned from his position with the Mission in 1919 but returned again in 1921 owing to the death of his successor Father Beaublat and remained for a few months in order to introduce the new Procurator to the duties associated with the Mission. He finally left for France in April 1922 and entered upon his retirement at Le Vesinet, near Paris, although he paid a yearly visit to London in order to renew his associations with his numerous friends from Malaya who had settled at Home. Sad to relate chief among them were Sir Hayes and Lady Marriott, the news of whose death reached him while he was on his deathbed.

Upon his leaving for France we remarked that his departure "marks the close of his official connexion with Malaya. It has been long, and full of intense activity, and it has produced for the Societe des Missions Etrangeres results so great that the name of the far-seeing, keen-witted and ever genial Procureur has been held in profound respect all over the East. In Singapore itself, Father Couvreur has been a conspicuous personality, and it would be almost impossible to describe the infinite variety of the business enterprises in which he had an interest. When one bears in mind that he was born in 1855, and that he came to the East forty-two years ago—first to Hongkong in 1878, then to Singapore in 1880, his physical energy and mental alertness can be described only as marvellous. Forty years' residence here gave him a unique knowledge of local events. While wishing him all happiness in well earned retirement, one wonders if he can be persuaded to amuse himself writing local reminiscences. They would be a wonderful footnote to history."

But the Rev. N. J. Couvreur never penned such a work and although he corresponded frequently with his more intimate friends in the East the innermost activities of his life's work will pass unrecorded although the interest he always exhibited towards the poorer youth of the town is one of these little-known characteristics of a really great man whose passing will be mourned far beyond the activities of the Society whose financial welfare he so ably guided.—*Straits Times.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 24.

Paris	124.17½
Geneva	25.21
Berlin	20.47½
Oslo	18.20
Helsingfors	193
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	9/32
Hong Kong	1/11¼
New York	4.85 11/32
Amsterdam	12.08
Stockholm	18.16½
Vienna	34.54
Madrid	34.02½
Bucharest	818
Bombay	1/5 10/64
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
Brussels	34.04½
Milan	92.67½
Copenhagen	18.20¼
Prague	163¾
Lisbon	108¼
Rio	5⅞
Shanghai	1/5⅝
Silver (spot)	25¾
Silver (forward)	25¾

—*British Wireless.*

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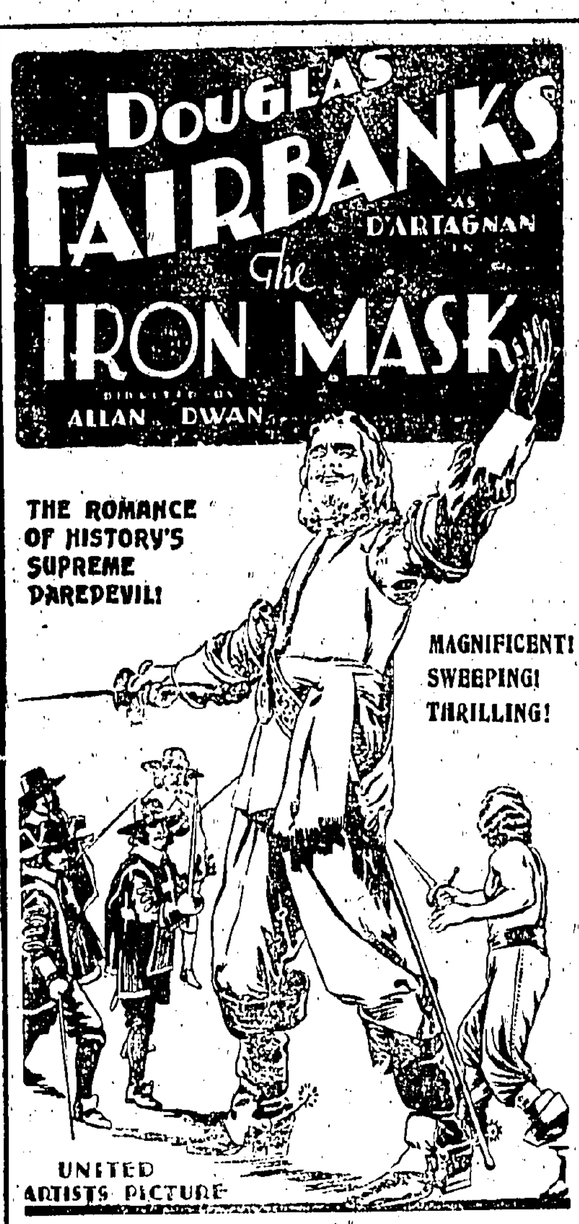

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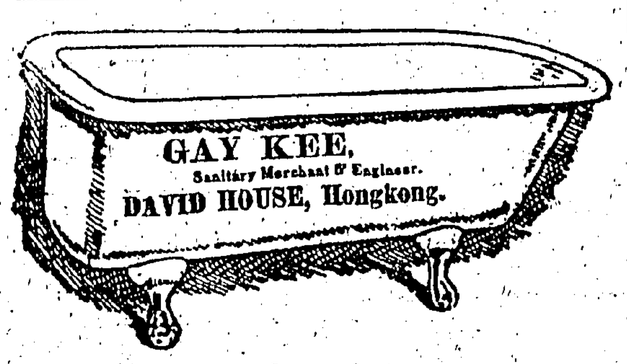

THE ARMY CUP FINAL.

VICTORY OF THE K.O.S.B.

London, Apr. 2.

The Army Football Association Cup was won yesterday at Aldershot by the 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers, who beat the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment by three goals to two.

In all the 40 years of the competition neither regiment has been represented in the final tie until to-day. Both regiments belong to the Aldershot Command. The attendance was slightly smaller than last year, but there were some 14,000 or 15,000 spectators present, the larger proportion of whom were soldiers or ex-soldiers.

The K.O.S.B. had a better record in the tournament than their opponents, and their team contained Lance-Corporal J. Jones, the Irish amateur international, and Sergeant J. McGowan, who has played for the Army in almost every match this season. But yesterday they never as a team outshone their opponents, who at times showed the better combination. The Warwickshire Regiment suffered on occasion from a lapse of form, whereas the K.O.S.B., although playing the more individualistic game, never lost an opportunity. It was their opportunism which gave them their first goal. Joyce, the Warwickshire Regiment's goalkeeper, who played particularly well all through the game, had cleared several dangerous shots, and seemed quite capable of dealing with anything that came to him. But he was beaten by Hayward, his own left back, who deflected a corner kick, which he should have left to the goalkeeper's right hand, across the front of his goal. Grice sprang to the ball, and so scored the only goal of the first half.

In the second half the Warwickshire Regiment, with a strong wind behind them, pressed persistently. Twice Lewin, the K.O.S.B. goal-keeper, was beaten by the ball, but on each occasion Robertson got back and trapped the ball as it was crossing the line. Finally, the Warwickshire Regiment did score, but it was from a penalty-kick taken by Franks. Some 10 minutes later the Warwickshire Regiment scored again after one of the best passing movements of the match, in which Mann and Darby brought the ball from midfield before the latter scored. Within five minutes, however, Grice equalized from a centre by McGowan, who was much the most dangerous forward on the field. That such a forward should have been allowed to go unmarked seemed scarcely possible, but he was given that grace, and the mistake, cost the Warwickshire Regiment the match. With scarcely three minutes for play the ball came out to him on the wing. He dribbled in, tricked the backs, and his shot beat the goalkeeper.

The teams were:—

1st King's Own Scottish Borderers.—Lance-Sergeant J. W. Lewin, goal; Lance-Corporal W. Robertson and Private A. Ferguson, backs; Private J. Douglas, Lance-Corporal J. Jones, and Lance-Corporal J. Allan, half-backs; Sergeant J. McGowan, Private F. Fessey, Lance-Corporal F. Grice, Private R. Hamilton, and Private T. McMurdo, forwards.

1st Warwickshire Regiment.—Lance-Corporal S. Joyce, goal; Private A. Prestige and Private C. Hayward, backs; Private C. Murphy, Private W. Hibbert, and Bandsman B. Harper, half-backs; Private L. Marshall, Private A. Franks, Private G. Preston, Private S. Mann, and Private J. Darby, forwards.

LEAGUE SOCCER.

RESULTS IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION.

Two Hongkong League Division II matches were played yesterday, and resulted as follows:

Athletic	2	S. China "A"	0.
Kowloon	1	Somersets	0.

St. Joseph's have failed to keep their fixtures with the S.L.I., China Athletic and Navy. Should the points be awarded these teams, the Navy will secure the division championship with the K.O.S.B. runners-up, as with the playing of yesterday's games, the Junior Division completed their fixtures.

Taking only yesterday's matches into account, the table now stands as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	23	21	1	1	93	19	43
K.O.S.B.	24	21	1	2	109	18	43
Somersets	23	14	3	6	64	25	31
Athletic	23	15	1	7	61	27	31
S. Ch. "B"	24	10	4	10	43	40	24
R.A.F.	24	9	5	10	47	48	23
R.A.	24	8	4	12	41	66	20
S. Units	24	6	5	13	35	69	17
S. Ch. "A"	23	4	3	11	29	54	16
Kowloon	24	5	5	14	23	78	15
St. Jos.	21	6	2	13	27	44	14
Recreio	23	6	2	15	25	68	14
Eastern	24	4	5	15	26	57	13

COUNTERFEIT COINS.

CHINA SIGNS CONVENTION FOR SUPPRESSION.

Geneva, Apr. 24.

China has signed the Convention for the suppression of counterfeit currency, being the twenty-seventh nation to do so.—*Reuter.*

THE DUKE AS BIG-GAME HUNTER.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, who arrived in Hongkong this morning, is seen above with a fine lion which he shot at Lake Rukwa, in Tanganyika, during his recent African tour. Below he is seen with a fine buffalo which he shot at Kilosa.

"THE BIG THREE."

CHINESE MARSHALS TO CONFER.

Hankow, Apr. 24.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will, it is reported, leave to-day for Changsha to take part in the formal installation, as Civil Governor of Hunan, of General Ho Chien. Marshal Chiang will review the Hunan troops and will not return here for three or four days.

The emissary of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, Mr. Ma Fu-hsiang, has informed the Chinese press that there is a possibility of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan going to Chengchow, in Honan, to participate at the coming conference between Marshals Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang. He says this meeting of the "Big Three" will no doubt dispose of all rumours of dissensions between the Nationalist leaders.

Hankow, Apr. 24.

It is stated that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has decided not to proceed to Changsha, but is remaining in Hankow for a few weeks and later returning to Nanking.—*Reuter.*

LORD BYNG'S WAR ON MOTOR BANDITS.

CARS AND DRIVERS FOR INSTANT USE.

To cope with the night operations of motor bandits, two important changes in the working of counter plans, sanctioned by Lord Byng, are shortly to be introduced.

One concerns the large number of private cars, probably 100, which are now in use daily for superintendents, chief inspectors, and divisional detective-inspectors.

These cars are at present garaged during the night, but in future the reserve officer of each head station will have to be a capable car driver, and one of the cars will always be kept ready for use at night, so that in an emergency officers can be conveyed to any point.

Hitherto the means of transport has been very limited, and the new provision will greatly facilitate the detection or reservation of night crime.

Constable's Job.

Under the second change, where a constable has reason to believe that a car has been concerned, or is suspected of having been concerned, in a crime, that officer must at once communicate with Scotland Yard by 'phone, as well as the code of his own particular station.

His next act must be to call up his own station.

The object of this change is to enable Scotland Yard without a moment's delay to get in touch by wireless with the Flying Squad detectives who are in patrol vans or cars.

WRECKED VESSEL ABANDONED.

ONLY CARGO OF "GIESSEN" TO BE SALVED.

PIRATES SCARED OFF.

Shanghai, Apr. 20.

According to the local agents for the Tokyo Salvage Co., all possibility of salvaging the steamer s.s. Giessen which went aground on Button Rock on March 12 has been abandoned and the salvaging crew are merely concentrating on taking out as much of the cargo as is practicable and worth bringing to the surface.

At present, one of the merchant vessels belonging to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha is at the scene of the wreck and is being used as a depot for the salvaging crew consisting of about 100 men. Two Japanese tugs and several lighters are also in attendance. A naval guard consisting of one officer and six men has been provided by the Chinese naval authorities to protect the workers from any attacks of pirates.

It will be recalled that the s.s. Giessen was wrecked on Button Rock whilst proceeding to Shanghai from Germany. All hands were saved. The vessel broke her back on the rock and split almost completely in two. Little hope was held out for salvaging her but the Tokyo Salvaging Co. of Japan offered to undertake the task on the basis of no payment without results. The salvaging vessel belonging to the company proceeded to the wreck from Nagasaki and was responsible for bringing to the surface 300 tons of steel cable valued at $10,000. This was taken to Woosung where it has since been tested by the engineer of the Great Northern Telegraph Co. and found to be unharmed.

An examination of the wreck by Japanese experts soon showed that the task of refloating the vessel was hopeless. Efforts were concentrated in salvaging her cargo. Great difficulty is being experienced in this as most of the heavy cargo lies well below the surface and was stowed under a large cargo of paper which has interfered with the work of the divers.

Soon after the wreck the neighbouring waters swarmed with pirates who sailed to the spot in junks. The Chinese warship Tingan proceeded to the wreck and after dispersing the junks with a few shots stood by as a guard. She was later replaced by another war vessel and after several days this vessel was recalled but a naval guard of seven was placed on the s.s. Sancho Maru, the latter vessel having replaced the Nasu Maru.

It is understood that most of the unperishable cargo will be salvaged and the work of the company will have been worth while.

CRYSTAL PALACE LOSE GROUND.

FOUR DRAWN GAMES IN HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Apr. 24.

Seven delayed league matches were played in England and Scotland to-day. There were no surprises. Crystal Palace, in a position to obtain most points in the Third Division (South) lost their advantage at Bournemouth.

The results were:

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth	2	Cry. Palace	0
Gillingham	0	Watford	0
Swindon	1	Torquay	1

Third Division (North).

Darlington	2	Halifax	0

Scottish League.

Partick	1	Rangers	1
Raith	1	Queen's Park	1
Kilmarnock	1	Ayr, Un.	2

—*Reuter.*

HOME RACING.

RESULT OF THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.

London, Apr. 24.

The City and Suburban Handicap, run at Epsom over one and a quarter miles, resulted as follows:

Parwiz 1.
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There were 21 starters. Parwiz won by half a length, a neck separating Caballero and Elton.

Betting was as follows.—Parwiz 100 to 6, Caballero 100 to 9, and Elton 13 to 2.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL RADIO.

BROADCAST PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

1.48 p.m. Weather report.
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7.48 p.m. Evening weather report.
8 p.m. Evening Programme of Chinese Music relayed from the Roof Garden of Messrs. The Sincere Co., Ltd.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

"SOME RAIN."

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central between S.W. Japan and the Bonins and has weakened. Depressions exist to the W.N.W. of Shanghai and to the east of N. Kindapao. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—East winds, cloudy; misty; some rain.

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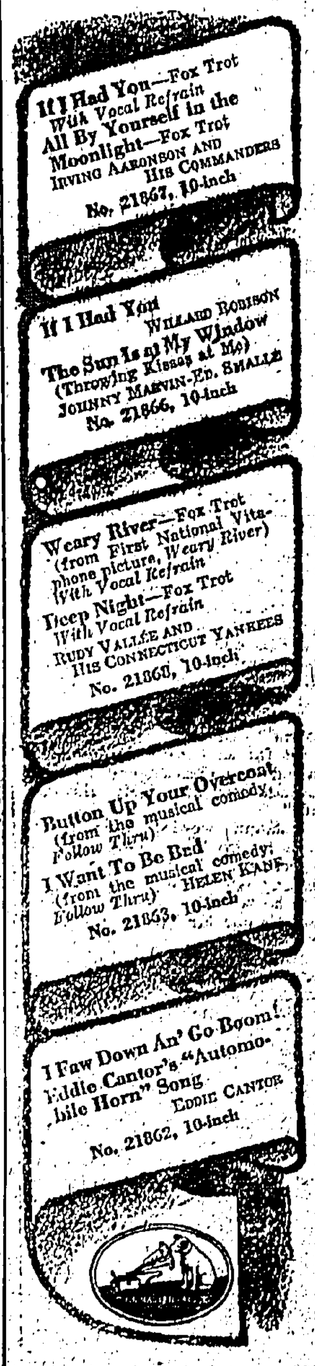

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THE BLACK PIGEON.

By Anne Austin.

CHAPTER XV.

Otto Pfluger hunched his shoulders and rammed his hands deeper into the pockets of his uniform. "I dunno—about two o'clock, I guess. I ain't keepin' tabs on them that's got a right to come and go."

"Isn't there a register record for Saturday afternoon, Coghlan?" McMann demanded. "You require everyone to sign in and out, don't you?"

Coghlan shook his head. "Not until four o'clock Saturdays. Too many tenants coming and going before then."

"I can tell you almost to the minute when I returned and when I left the building," Jack Hayward settled the question matter-of-factly. "Miss Lester and I went to lunch at the Chester Hotel, and just before dessert was served I discovered that I had left the theatre tickets on my desk. We are going to a matinee, I looked at my watch, found that it was 10 minutes to two, and walked rapidly from the Chester to the Starbridge Building—a distance of only two blocks. I didn't have to wait for the elevator, so it must have been not later than five or six minutes of two when I got off at the seventh floor. I went to my office and—"

"Just a mintue," McMann interrupted. "I'd just a little bit rather have Otto's story before you have a chance to tell him what he remembers. And you might unclench that fist of yours, Hayward. I'm afraid you'll sprain your fingers, and that would be too bad. . . . Now, Otto, how long was Mr. Hayward in his office before he went back down again in your car?"

"I ain't saying he was in his office at all," Otto denied sullenly.

"Oh!" McMann pounced. "So you saw him head toward this wing of the building when he left the elevator, did you?"

Otto Pfluger shrugged, and slouched lower against the wall. "No!" I ain't sayin' he was in his office or he wasn't in his office, because I didn't follow him—see? I 'tended to my business and that was runnin' my elevator."

"And right now, young man, your business is to answer my questions," McMann retorted. "I may not give you a tip to keep your mouth shut, as Mr. Hayward evidently did, but I can give you a free pass to the jail if you don't open up and spill what you know."

"Mr. Hayward didn't give me no tip Saturday—no, nor this mornin' neither! He tips us boys reg'lar the first of the month, like most of the other tenants do. . . . Aw, all right! I'm tellin' you, if you'll let me! It was about 10 minutes after I took him up before I took him down again, I guess, because I sent my kid brother, what was hangin' around in the lobby, over to the drug store across the street to get me a cup of coffee, right after I'd took Mr. Hayward up, and I'd drunk it before he rung for me to take him down."

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McMann grinned crookedly as he made rapid notes of the boy's story. "You didn't have any other passenger during those 10 minutes, Otto?"

"No."

"And when Mr. Hayward left, did you notice anything peculiar about his behaviour?" McMann suggested.

Otto glowered. "No!"

Ruth could have kissed the sullen young towhead for his failure to mention a fact which might yet assume vast importance—that Jack Hayward had returned to his office empty-handed and left it with a heavy briefcase.

"Who else rode in your car between two and four o'clock Saturday?" McMann prodded the unwilling witness.

"I ain't been taking no memory course," Otto Pfluger shrugged. "But far as I remember, I didn't take down no passengers from the seventh floor after Mr. Hayward left."

McMann scowled, then turned upon Micky Moran, who grinned cheerfully. "How about you, Moran? Who were your passengers for the seventh floor after Miss Lester's and Mr. Hayward's second trip?"

Micky scratched his thatch of red hair. "First I brought up Benny Smith, the kid that works here."

"Benny!" Ruth exclaimed. "Why, he left for the day at exactly one o'clock!"

"Well, he come back," Micky grinned. "Said he'd forgot something. I took him back down three or four minutes later. . . . And say I guess 'at lets Miss Lester out, all O. K.! If the kid had found his boss dead he wouldn't a-rode back down whistling, would he?"

Ruth smiled gratefully at the boy who was so obviously anxious to lift suspicion from her.

"If the boy came back for something he'd forgotten, it was undoubtedly in the outer office," McMann pointed out. "And the door was closed between the two offices after Borden was killed, according to Miss Lester's own story of her discovery of the body. But you stick to your own story, Moran, and let the office boy tell his when he comes in—if he ever gets here," McMann added curtly. "Who else came to the seventh floor Saturday afternoon?"

"That lady I heard you call Mrs. Borden," Micky answered sullenly. "Geez! I didn't know the sheik was married!" he added, brightening. "He sure didn't let it cramp his style none."

McMann frowned. "Keep your opinions to yourself untill they're called for, Moran! When did you bring Mrs. Borden up?"

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Micky stuck out his lower jaw pugnaciously and seemed about to go into a stubborn silence. Then, "I dunno! Pretty soon after I took Benny down, I guess. After half-past one, anyway."

"Did you notice her manner? Anything unusual?" McMann rapped out.

"I didn't pay no attention to her. She didn't mean nothing in my young life," Micky retorted. "She just got in the elevator and I took her up—that's all."

"And when she came down?" McMann was having hard work to restrain his anger and impatience. "Was she upset? Crying? Pale?"

"Geez! I didn't give her a second look, after I seen it was the same lady I'd took up," Micky protested disgustedly. "I ain't got no time for dames her age."

McMann looked as if he could cheerfully have clouted the impudent youngster over the head, but he limited the expression of his anger to a black scowl. "Anyone else?"

"Sure. A frail that was here Saturday morning, and two or three times before then," Micky answered sulkily. "Looked like a chorus girl."

"Rita Dubois!" Ruth cried. "I thought she was to meet Mr. Borden at the station—"

"Just a minute," McMann silenced her peremptorily. "Describe the girl, Moran—hair eyes, clothes, anything you can remember."

"Black hair, black eyes. Kinda tall and slinky, like a movie vamp," Micky obliged. "I didn't notice her clothes, 'cept she had on a swell fur coat with a real live white orchid pinned on the collar."

McMann looked at Ruth, who nodded an eager confirmation of the girl's identity. "All right, Moran. When did you bring her up and what happened, that you know of? Did you talk with her?"

"Not when I brought her up." Micky answered the last question first. "She was looking so sore, tapping her foot and acting so impatient, that I kept my mouth shut."

"When was this?" McMann pounced.

"Gees, I dunno! 'Bout half an hour after Mrs. Borden left, I reckon. I ain't got no way of telling the time each party come up. I let her off at the seventh floor and then I went back down. While my car was down, the telephone in the booth started ringing and I answered it. The starter goes off at half-past one, and there wasn't anybody else but me down there."

"Yes? What of it?" McMann demanded impatiently. "How long before Miss Dubois rang for the elevator?"

"'At's what I don't know—not exactly," Micky admitted, flushing. "It—'at was my girl girl on the phone, and I made a date with her for Sunday, and—and kidded her along awhile, 'nen when I got back in my car the seventh floor red light was on."

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"Five minutes? Seven minutes? Ten minutes?" McMann suggested impatiently.

"Maybe 10 minutes, maybe more," Micky admitted, his flush deepening. "This Rita dame looks sore because I've kept her waitin,' and I jolly her up a bit. I says to her, 'Sorry if I kept you waitin', Miss. I was makin' a date with my sweetie,' I says. 'Nen she says, 'Well, be sure you don't stand her up, old dear. Nothing makes a girl more sore than to be stood up,' she says, tapping her foot again, like she was sore as all get-out. An' I says, 'Gees! Did Borden stand up a swell frail like you?' An' she grins a little at that an' cracks right back, 'I'll say he did! And how!'"

"What else?" McMann demanded. "Gees, ain't 'at enough for one trip?" Micky grinned. "She got off and beat it out of the elevator, like she was in a hurry. She run into the telephone booth and that's the last I seen of her, 'cause I had a call from the fourth floor then—or maybe it was the fifth. No, it was the fourth. Old man Cohen—wholesale shoes."

"Any other passengers for the seventh floor Saturday afternoon?" McMann demanded impatiently.

"No, not a soul," Micky answered promptly. "I thought Borden had gone down by the other elevator, for some reason or other. Gees! He musta been dead already, and his sweetie thought he'd stood her up! Gees! She musta stood there poundin' on the door—"

"That'll do, Moran!" the detective shut him short. "You and Otto can get back on your jobs, but don't leave the building till I give you permission, understand?"

When the door had closed upon the elevator boys, McMann faced Jack Hayward, his eyes narrowed to glinting grey slits. "Well, how about it, Hayward? I suppose you're going to tell me it took you 10 minutes to find these conveniently forgotten theatre tickets."

Before Jack could answer Patrolman Biggers appeared, with the information that the men from the morgue had arrived to remove the body of the murdered man.

"Just a minute, Biggers. Hold 'em back until I get Mrs. Borden out of the way. I'll put her in Covey's charge down the hall till I need her."

Some of Ruth's hatred of the detective evaporated as she witnessed his gentleness with the widow whom he had, a few minutes before, tried to bully into confessing that she had killed her husband. But when the body had been removed on a stretcher, and McMann was free to devote his entire attention to Jack Haward, fear for the man she loved fanned her hatred of McMann into a high, hot blaze.

(To Be Continued.)

Mr. M. Manuk will speak on "Memory of Past Lives" at the weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society, at 7, Queen's Road Central to-day at 6 p.m.

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AERIAL WARFARE.

MIXED RECEPTION OF GERMAN ABOLITION PLAN.

Geneva, Apr. 24.

Germany, Russia, China, Holland and Sweden have voted in favour of a German proposal to abolish aerial warfare. M. Massigli (France), moving a rejection of the proposal, expressed the opinion that the time was not ripe for total suppression, but the problem must be solved ultimately.

Mr. Rieden (United States) agreed, and suggested that the subject might be settled by a future international convention.

Lord Cushendun stated that the German proposal was outside the Committee's scope, and drew attention to the fact that the Hague convention of 1907 decreed the abolition of aerial bombardment.

Count Bernstorff declared that the German Government would return to the subject at the main Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter.*

SEQUEL TO LIBEL.

INDIAN ACTION ENDS IN £11,250 DAMAGES.

Calcutta, Apr. 24.

The High Court has awarded £11,250 as damages in a libel action brought on behalf of the Secretary of State by the agent of the East Indian Railway and others, against the Swarajist newspaper *Forward* and the editor and printer thereof, in connexion with publication of libellous statements with regard to the fatal train derailment at Belur on July 7 last year.—*Reuter.*

[The editor of the paper *Forward*, Brebakshi, published an allegation that Indians injured in the disaster were searched and killed by men acting under the instructions of a European.]

LETTER GOLF.

S	N	O	W
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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

HOPE FOR KANCHOW.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS NEARING THE CITY.

Peking, Apr. 24.

Bishop O'Shea wires from Kanchow that Government reinforcements are nearing the city, and probably will arrive in time to prevent the Communists' attack on Kanchow.—*Reuter.*

[A message of April 11 stated that Bishop O'Shea reported from Kanchow that Communist troops were still active. Mission property at Juikin had been burned, and the Communists were approaching Kanchow, which was preparing for a siege, pending the arrival of Government troops from Nanchang.]

TROTSKY TALKS.

TRUTH AT LAST ABOUT EXILE'S PLANS.

Trotsky has at last broken the reserve which he has maintained since his arrival in Constantinople, and has now talked freely with Reuter's correspondent, in the comfortable hotel in which the exiled leader is staying.

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"I ardently desire to go to Germany, because my wife and myself—though not in a dying condition, as has been said—require the treatment of German specialists, who have attended us."

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POSSIBLE EFFECT OF BRITAIN'S ABOLITION OF DUTY.

The Hague, Apr. 24.

Heer Van Sasse Van Ysselt, a member of the Catholic Party in the Second Chamber, has given notice of a question to the Minister of Finance with regard to the abolition of the tea duty in Britain, asking whether the existence of a tea-duty in Holland of 75 florins per hundred kilogrammes is not calculated to harm the Dutch tea trade and shift the market to London; and whether the Minister is prepared to consider measures for the immediate future to prevent such an eventuality.—*Reuter.*

"Corner" Feared.

London, Apr. 24.

The *Manchester Guardian* says the danger of a "corner" in tea as a result of the removal of the duty is being freely discussed in the lobbies of the House of Commons.

It is feared the abolition of bonded warehouses will leave the market open to rigging. It is alleged that certain influences are already working to take advantage of the position; and it is argued that, now that stocks will not be required to pass through bond, it will be possible to conceal supplies and hold them for a rise.—*Reuter.*

CHANGTEH TROUBLE.

EVACUATION OF SEVERAL FOREIGNERS.

Peking, Apr. 24.

Five foreigners from Changteh have been evacuated by H.M.S. Widgeon—Messrs. Tootell, Gabb, Rose, Pelling and Miss Jacobson.

The Widgeon was unable to proceed beyond Hanshou on the Tungting Lake, seventy li from Changteh, and the party had to proceed overland to the Widgeon, which is sailing for Hankow today.—*Reuter.*

ENQUIRY ORDERED.

THE "SOUTHERN CROSS" AND "KOOKABURRA."

Canberra, Apr. 24.

The Commonwealth Government has ordered a comprehensive enquiry into the forced landings of the aeroplanes "Southern Cross" and "Kookaburra."—*Reuter.*

[The "Kookaburra" came down when searching for the "Southern Cross," and has since been located, with the corpse of one of the airmen discernible under the wing.]

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

SNOW, SLOW, SLEW, SLED, SLID, SAID, SAND, SANK BANK.

CALDOS TRIAL.

AN EMPLOYEE QUESTIONED BY THE DEFENDANT.

The case against J. dos Caldos, who is charged on six counts of fraud arising out of two alleged incidents in connexion with the promotion of business in Kowloon, was resumed before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

It was stated at the last hearing that the evidence of Mrs. Caldos would be taken as soon as possible, but owing to the absence of an interpreter her testimony had to be left over until a later date. It was subsequently stated that the defendant's wife, who had previously stated that she was leaving for Shanghai in the immediate future, would not be sailing for the northern port as early as was originally intended.

Chau Yuk-shan, described as a clerk, was called to give evidence and after recounting his meeting with the defendant which led to his employment at the Philippine-China Co., witness was cross-examined at great length by accused.

Replying to the defendant, witness agreed that Caldos did not ask him for security, but the Filipino in the business was the one who desired a deposit before witness was engaged. When witness went to the insurance company, two sales girls accompanied him to effect an insurance policy, but they were told that the insurance company's regulations did not permit females being insured.

Answering further questions, witness said that it was the Filipino who had suggested that all the employees were to place a deposit with the company.

Further Admissions.

The defendant: Didn't I tell the Filipino that to ask for a deposit was against the laws of Hongkong?

Witness: Yes.

But the Filipino insisted?—Yes.

On Monday (March 18) did you accompany me to the pawn shop to pawn a mandolin?—I was one of three men.

When asked if he knew why the mandolin was pawned witness replied that he had been told by the defendant that he (Caldos) was in need of money and had been unable to see the Filipino.

Witness agreed that he went with the defendant to a carpenter's shop where Caldos told the men there not to create any trouble with the management of the shop until his return from Canton. The defendant always asked the Filipino for money when the carpenter pressed them for payment.

Whenever Caldos required money to pay any debts there was always trouble between him and the Filipino.

Continuing, witness said that at first the Filipino had authorised the defendant to sign contracts, but not afterwards.

Witness agreed that whenever the defendant received money on contracts he always used such money to pay the firm's debts while the Filipino always put any money he received on contracts into his pocket. Witness further stated that he had seen the defendant return deposits to employees who wished to terminate their contracts, but the Filipino always refused to pay back deposits to employees, insisting on them completing the terms of their agreements before he would return any money.

The contracts, witness admitted, were only temporary documents, and the defendant had informed the employees that they would receive a properly stamped agreement when the business started.

Speaking of a hotel which the Filipino had told witness belonged to the Philippine-China Trading Company, witness said that he was taken, together with the defendant, to an empty hotel in Middle Road and told that that belonged to the firm. Later the party went to the vicinity of the Star Theatre where the Filipino pointed out a smaller hotel which he said also belonged to the company. The Filipino had asked the defendant to engage servants for this establishment.

Further cross-examination was adjourned till the next hearing on Wednesday, May 8.

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FALL OF CHEFOO.

THE RETURN OF LIU WELCOMED.

Chefoo, Apr. 24.

General Liu Chen-nien officially denies yesterday's report that Chang Chung-chang has captured Muping.

According to Japanese reports, Chang Chung-chang is at Lungkow. About 1,000 of Chang Chung-chang's stroops are still in Fushan city, which is now personally being attacked by Liu Chen-nien. They are expected to capitulate in a few days.

Locally the situation is quiet. Liu Chen-nien's return has allayed the anxiety of the people who are overjoyed.—*Reuter.*

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†KIDDERPORE	5,334	8th May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	1 th May.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
MOREA	10,953	25th May.	Bombay, M'les & London
†LAHORE	5,252	1st June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
DELTA	8,097	8th June.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
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TAKADA	6,949	11th May.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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†PERIM	7,648	6th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	7th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	10th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALMA	10,000	14th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko & Osaka
——	——	14th May.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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	Waisang	Wed. 8th May at 7 a.m.
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	Suisang	Satur. 11th May at 7 a.m.
TO OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Kutsang	Sun. 5th May at 7 a.m.
TO STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Kumsang	Tues. 7th May at 3 p.m.
TO SANDAKAN	Mausang	Wed. 1st May at 3 p.m.
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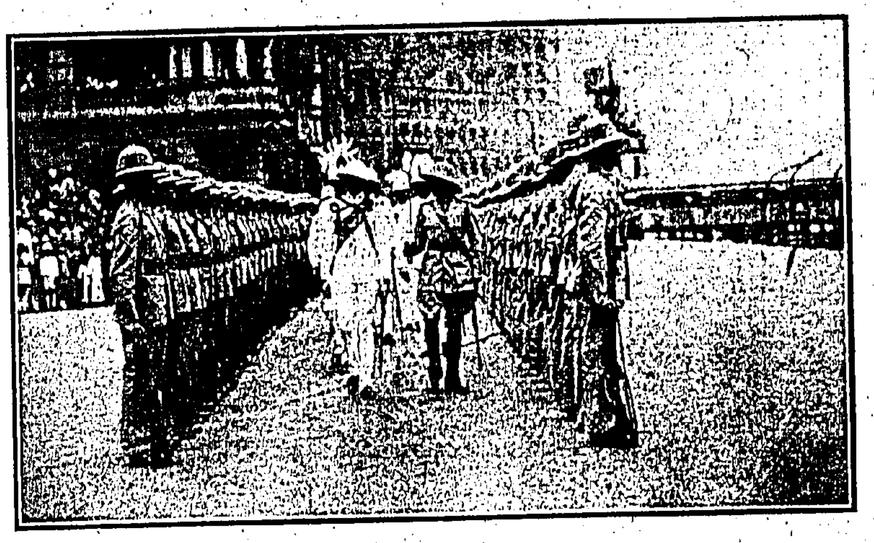
THE PRINCE'S LANDING TO-DAY.

The above picture shows H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, immediately after his landing at Queen's Pier this morning, about to inspect the Guard of Honour, in company with His Excellency the Governor. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester inspecting the Guard of Honour provided by the Somerset Light Infantry, in front of Queen's Pier, this morning. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

SERIOUS FIRE IN SWATOW.

SEVERAL SHOPS & GODOWNS COMPLETELY GUTTED.

TEN PEOPLE INJURED.

Swatow, Apr. 25.

A serious fire broke out at Wing On Street yesterday morning, when nine shops and godowns were completely gutted and more than ten people injured.

The shop where the blaze originated was called Tsoi Hop and was a blacksmith establishment. On investigation it was found that two fokis were melting iron inside the shop when the matshed caught fire. An alarm was given and at the same time efforts were made by the fokis to check the flames but they soon spread to an adjoining godown where large quantities of matches, bean oil and matting were stored.

The blaze became very fierce and within half an hour three houses and the godown were burnt to the ground.

Good work was done by the firemen and with the assistance of various insurance companies, ten hoses were soon in operation. Policemen and soldiers under the command of Colonel Ho Lun-sui were sent out to maintain order.

The fire was suppressed at 12.20. The premises involved in the disaster were, Hing Tai Cheong godown, the Yee Fung godown, the Ming Shun godown, the Ka Kwong grocery shop, the Tsoi Hop, and a coolie mess.

Nine shops in an adjacent street also suffered, and the total damage is estimated at half a lakh of dollars.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

VIOLENT QUAKES PREDICTED.

COSMIC CRISIS TO BEGIN TO-DAY.

London, Apr. 24.

Violent earthquakes are imminent in various parts of the world, especially in America and South Europe, according to Signor Bendandi, the well-known earthquake observer and prophet.

He says that the "cosmic crisis will begin to-morrow."—*Reuter.*

TYPHOON WARNING.

The first typhoon warning of the year is to hand, a message from the Manila Observatory dated 6 p.m. yesterday stating that there is a cyclone or typhoon to the east of Southern Visayas or Northern Mindanao, moving N.W. or N.N.W.

CHINESE CHAMBER STORMED.

200 PICKETS RAID PREMISES IN SHANGHAI.

POLICE INTERVENE.

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

Further trouble was caused by pickets of the National Salvation Association, formerly known as the Anti-Japanese Boycott Society, yesterday afternoon, when they made a raid on the closed premises of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

For an hour, 200 of these pickets stormed the premises, beat the armed guards and clerks, and eventually destroyed a number of valuable documents.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

A Chinese message states that the raid was of a most determined character, but eventually the disorders were stopped when the police arrested nine of the raiders.

There were minor clashes with the police, resulting in injuries to several of the pickets.

Later in the evening the detained pickets were released.

FOR BRITISH MINERS.

Further Donations to Hand To-day.

We have pleasure in acknowledging a donation of $2 sent by a reader as "A Tiny Drop" to the Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families, as well as a further $20 from the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, which had previously forwarded $519.50.

This brings the total so far received by the *Telegraph* to $7,822 and £2 16s. The Fund is being closed on the 29th instant.

U.S. OIL RESTRICTIONS.

PLAN FOR A COMPACT BETWEEN STATES.

New York, Apr. 24.

The Directors of the American Petroleum Institute have agreed unanimously to co-operate with the Federal Oil Conservation Board in promulgating an inter-State compact to curtail oil production during the next three years to the 1928 level.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE ENGLISH GOLF TITLE.

TOLLY OUSTS THE FORMER BOY CHAMPION.

A CLOSE STRUGGLE.

London, Apr. 24.

Mr. J. Stout, the holder of the English Native Golf Cramplonship, has been obliged to scratch from the present competition owing to the injury he sustained yesterday.

As the result of his withdrawal, no previous holder of the title is now competing at Gosforth Park.

The most interesting game today, in the third round, was that between Cyril Tolley, the ex-Amateur Open winner, and E. Fiddian, the former Boy Champion. Tolley won by two and one, but he had to play well.

Fiddian commenced in confident style and at the end of the sixth had secured a lead of two holes. Tolley then played some brilliant strokes, winning three of the next four holes, the other being halved, and took the lead for the first time at the tenth. He pulled his drive very badly at the eleventh and Fiddian squared up.

Tolley won the next two, but his lead was reduced to one hole at the fourteen where Fiddian played extremely well. The fifteenth and sixteenth were halved, the match ending on the next green, where Fiddian took three puts, losing hole and the match.

The Ryder Cup.

The foursomes in the Ryder Cup Competition are to be played at Moor Town, Leeds, on Friday, and the teams will be as follows:

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A. Boomer and Geo. Duncan.	v Leo Diegel and Espinosa.
Abe Mitchell and Robson	v Sarazen and Dudley.
E. Whitcombe and T. Cotton	v Golden and Walter Hagen.

—*Reuter.*

HANKOW CENTRAL BANK.

NO CONNEXION WITH OLD INSTITUTION.

Hankow, Apr. 24.

The Hankow branch of the Central Bank of China is being officially opened to-morrow.

It is emphasised that the Bank has no connexion whatsoever with the former Central Bank in Hankow, which is at present being liquidated by the Ministry of Finance.—*Reuter.*

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